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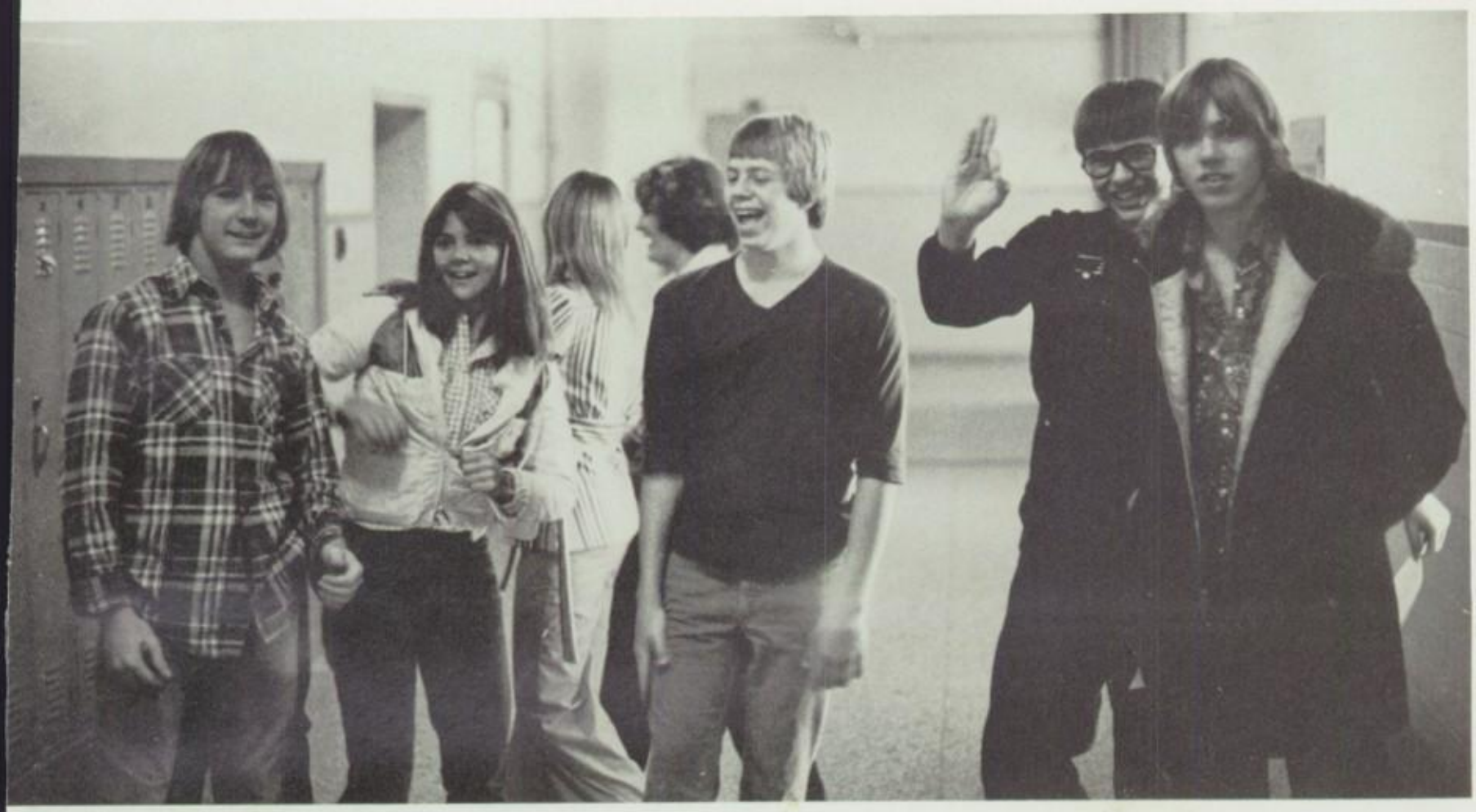

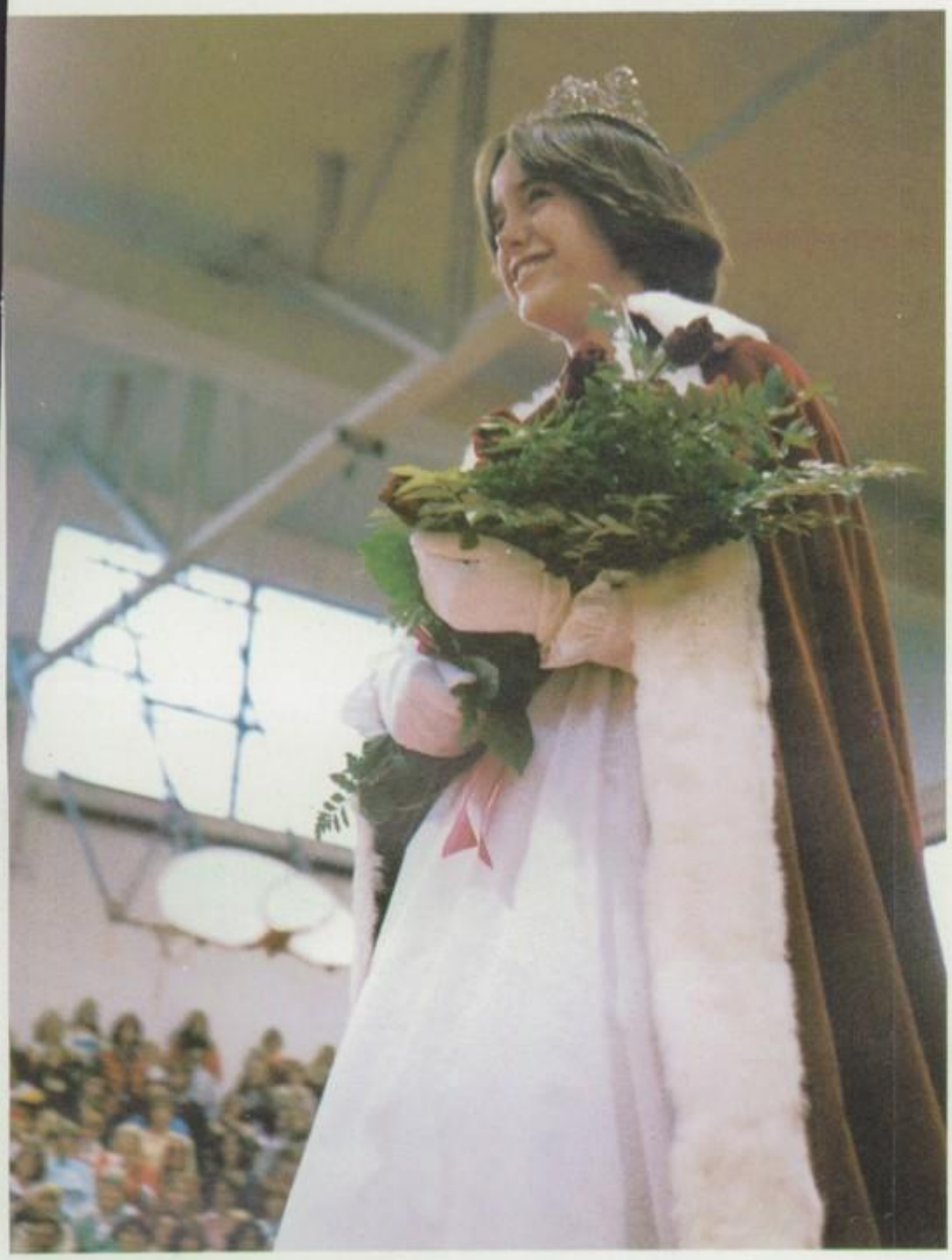

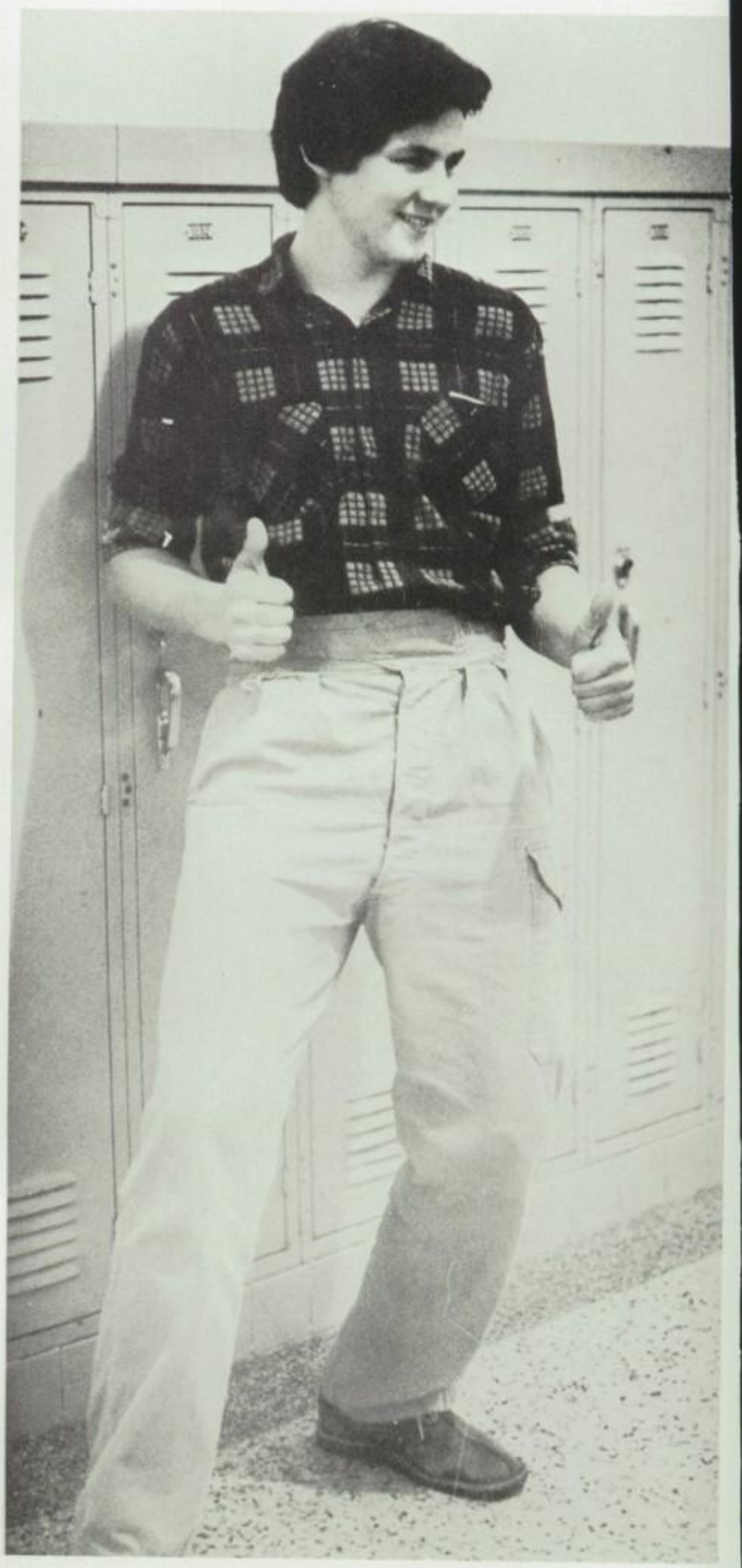

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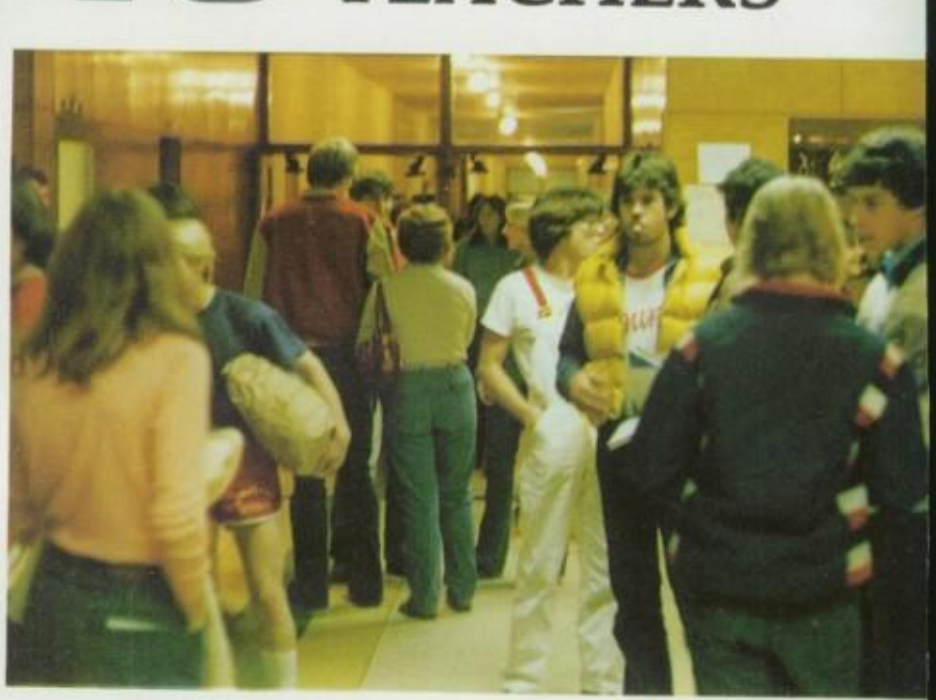

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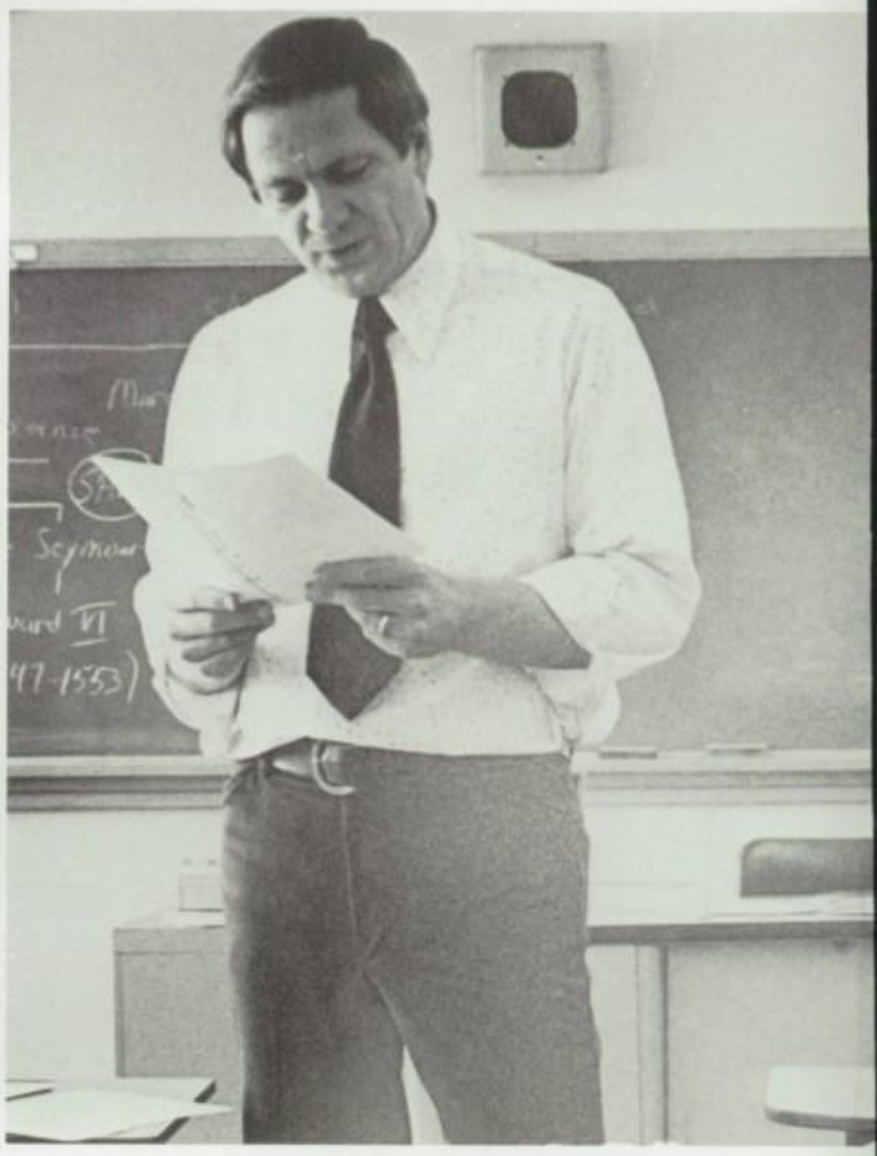

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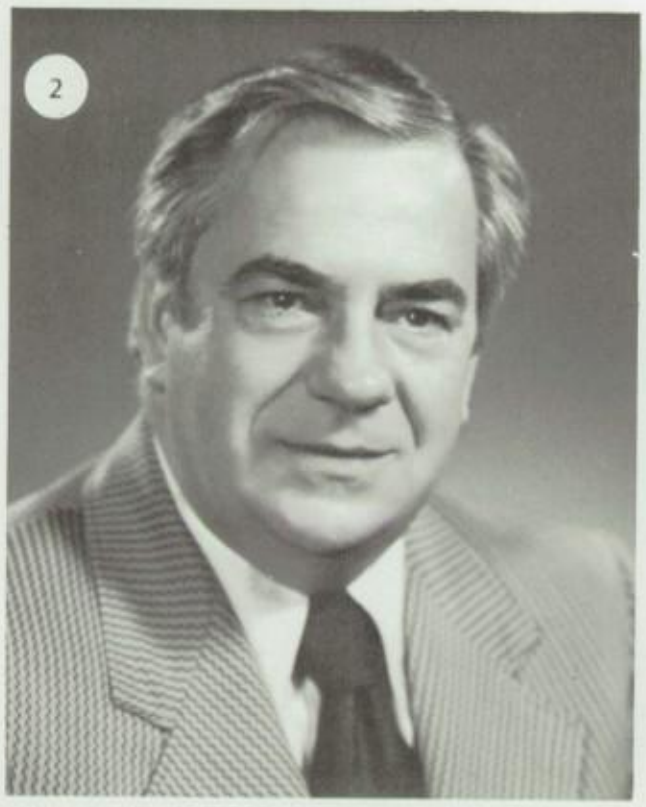
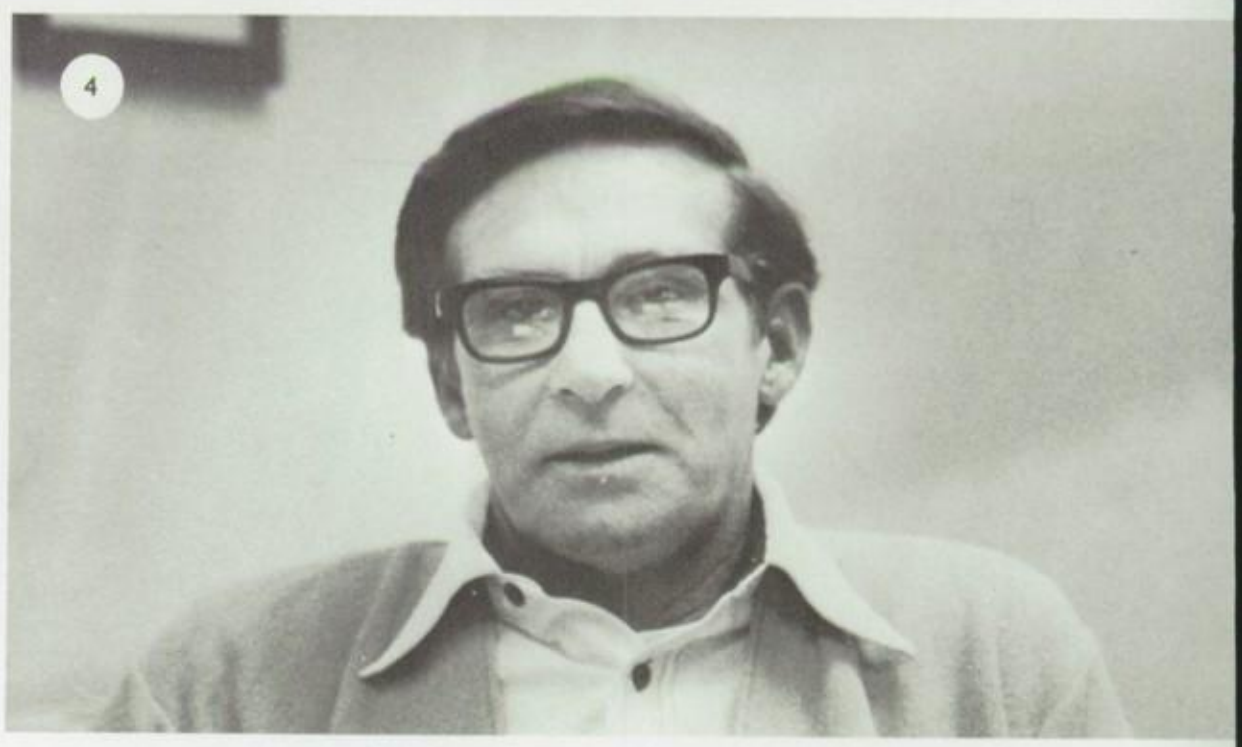


• 1 DIST. 77 SCHOOL BOARD: Mrs. Barbara Jones, Eugene Benson, Mrs. Beverley Nelson, clerk; Paul Deegan, chairman; Supt. Thomas Stark, Ray Narum, Frank Gazzola. Not pictured: Tom Adams. • 2 Harold Fitterer. • 3 R.J. Utzinger, asst. Supt.; Thomas Stark, Supt.; Jack Sjostrom, director of secondary education. • 4 Staff development coordinator Jim Keckeisen. • 5 Principal Don Ruble with Asst. John Barnett. • 6 In charge of attendence is "Jake" Robert Jacobs. • 7 Secretaries in the office include Mrs. Helen Dudash, Mrs. Karen Anderson, Mrs. June Bestervelt, and Mrs. Helen Halverson.



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A GAIN AND A LOSS

Mankato West started the school year with some difficulty. The problems occured when the art rooms and media center could not be used due to remodeling, which lasted through the first six weeks of the school year, but was appreciated when completed. Assistant principal John Barnett stated that the administration was pleased and proud of the cooperation shown by both faculty and student body concerning this inconvenience.

Five new teachers arrived at west this year. Mrs. Marion Powers came from California to teach English. Having taught in Windom for 16 years, Mrs. Margaret Schmidt is now at West teaching Family Living. Mrs. Dorothy Evans interned at Bloomington Jefferson high School and now lives in St. Peter and teaches Physical Education and Health. A new Social Studies teacher is Greg Rathbun. He graduated from Winona State and did his student teaching at Rochester Mayo High school. Ms. Joy Hanssen taught the mentally retarded at Lincoln Jr. High and is now helping out with the S.L.B.P. program at west.

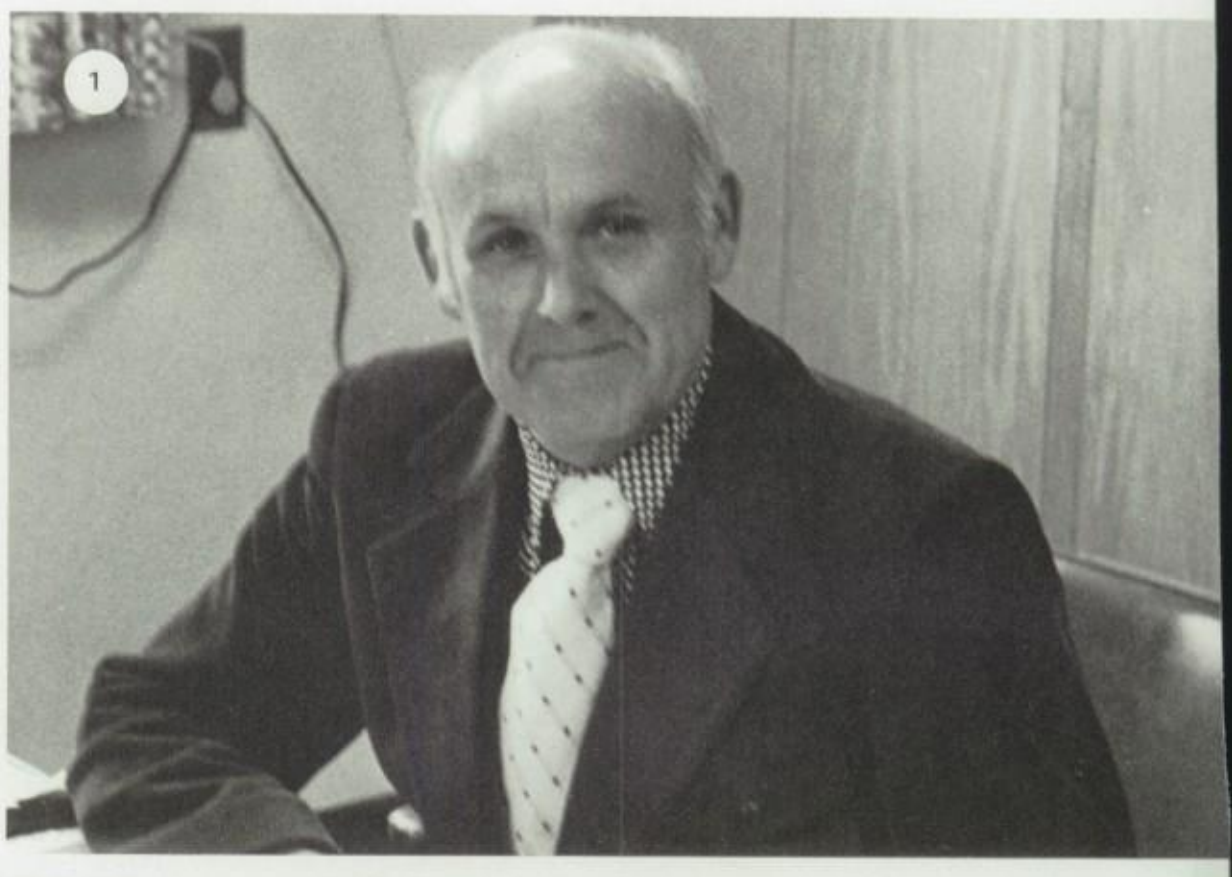
Harold Fitterer, chairman of District 77's school board, died Oct. 15, 1977. Superintendent Dr. Thomas Stark said "Harry was an uncommon man in that he was blessed with uncommon amounts of talent and energy and with uncommon amounts of concern for people that caused him to become an educator. It was his concern for people that caused him to give of himself as he did. Harry Fitterer literally gave his life to his friends and loved ones, to his profession and to his community."

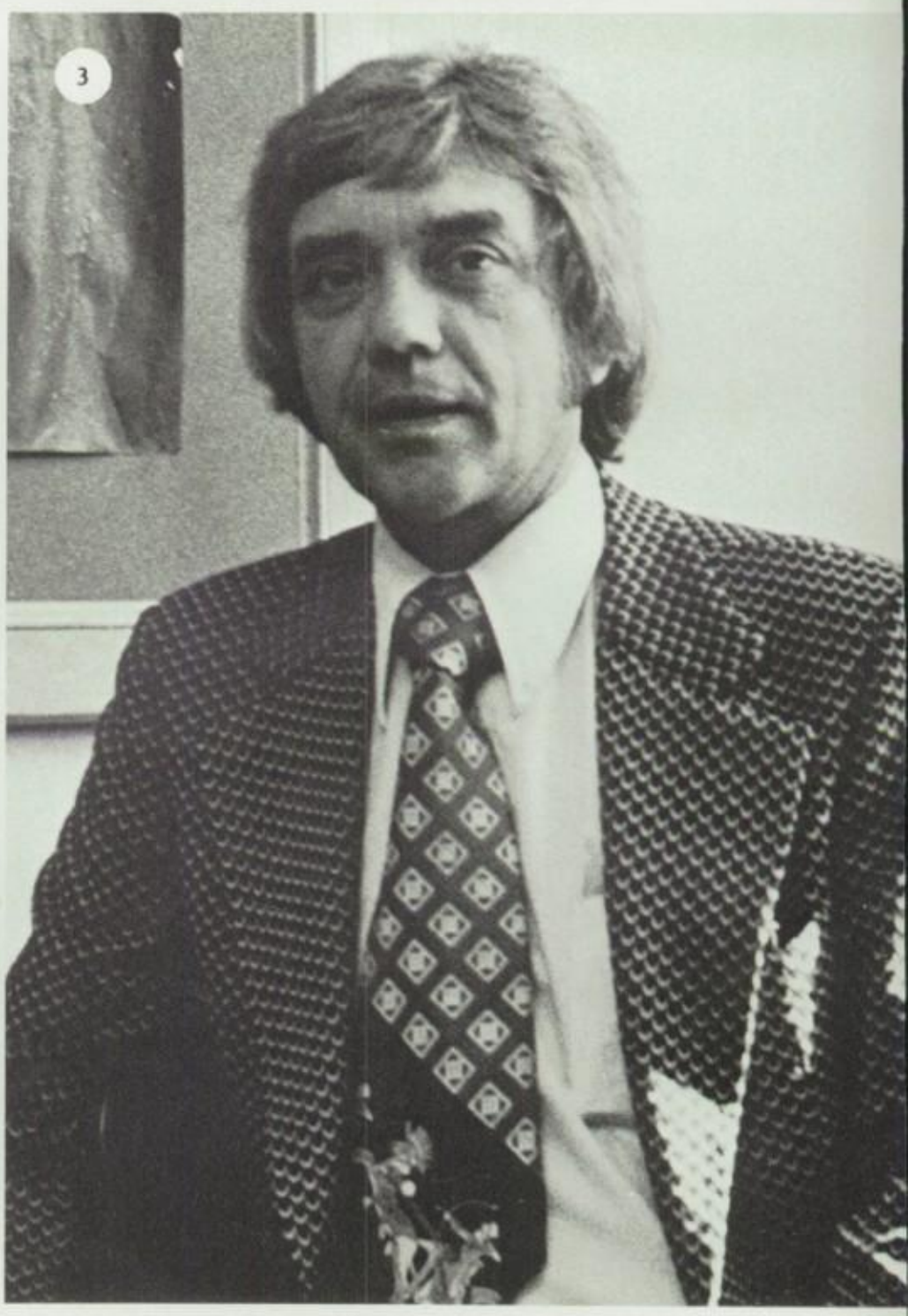
A BIG HELP

With students spending an extra amount of time with their counselors, it meant for a a busy school year in the counseling center. "I've found that the students have had exceptionally good attitudes this year," states Miss Joanne Ballou.

This year the special reading program changed to S.L.B.P. which is, special learning and behavioral problems. Assistant principal John Barnett is responsible for the program. Larry Enright is director of the youth development program.

COUNSELORS • 1 Lee Asche. • 2 Miss Joanne Ballou. • 3 Don Rachut.





FROM OLD TO NEW

Much work was put into changing the old library into the new media center. "It was a lot of work getting books back on their shelves, but it was worth it!" states librarian Mrs. Ruth Maxey.

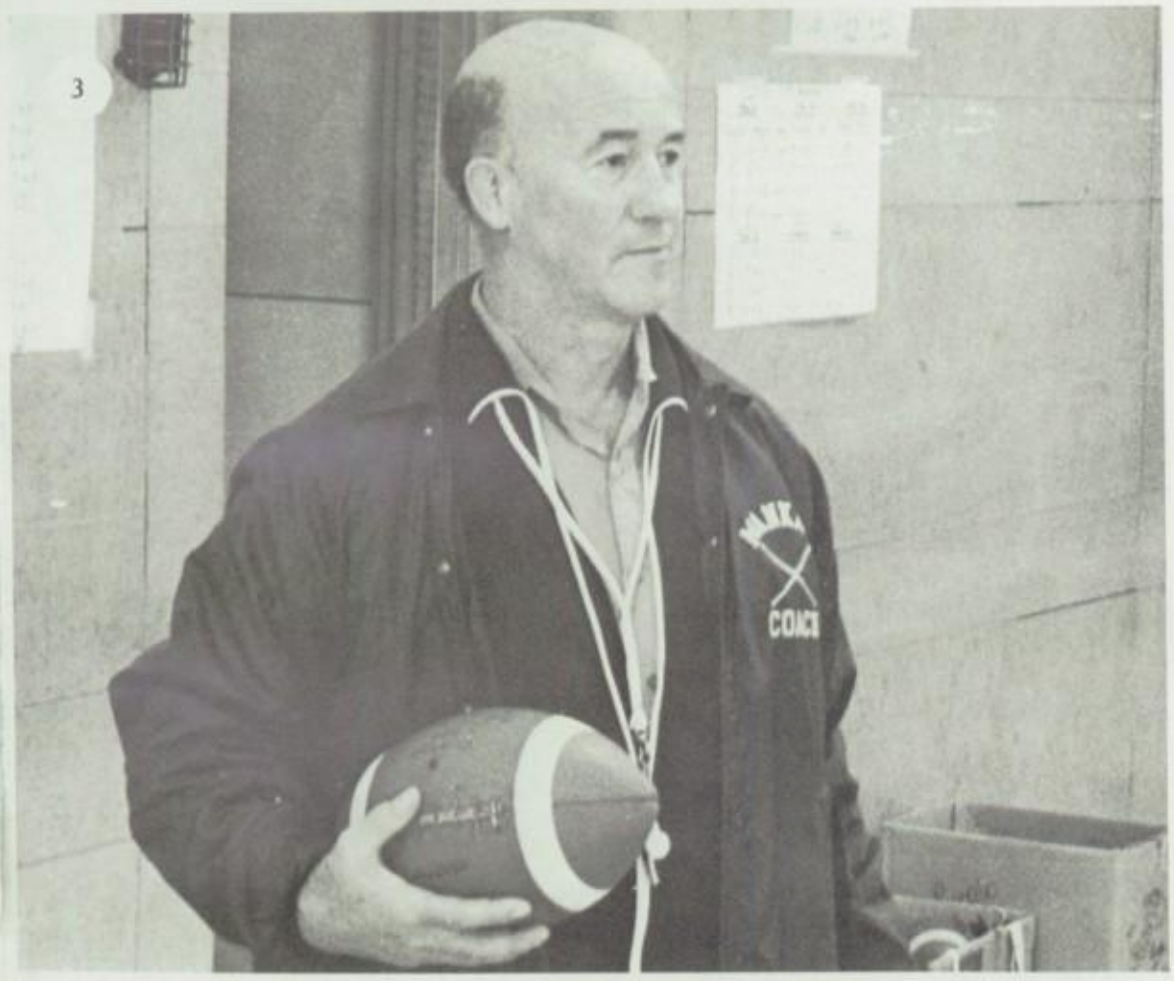
Along with the new media center, there is also a new location for the A.V. department.

• 1 Mrs. Vernice Wessman, school nurse, with secretary Mrs. Mavis Buckholz. • 2 Assistants in the new media center are Mrs. Marian Lee and Mrs. Joyce Hedman. • 3 In charge of print media is Mrs. Ruth Maxey. • 4 Norm Gullickson heads the A.V. department.

COOKS AND CLEANERS

• 1 Hungry students wait for goodies. • 2 Cooks Mrs. Kaye Hansen, Mrs. Ruth Bell, Mrs. Phyllis Sexe, Mrs. Helga Becker, Mrs. Lila Larson, Mrs. Margaret Schulte, Mrs. Cleo Francis, Mrs. Karen Quarder, and Mrs. Ruth Schultz. • 3 Getting a well deserved break are custodians Arnie Rudenick, Marv Kimble, Milo Sheehan, Norb Anderson, Dennis Boldt, and Bob Simmonds.

Eating and cleaning up are continual processes. West's cafeterial personnel and maintenance engineers are kept busy taking care of 1,374 students.



GOOD OLD GYM

Due to increase in classes Mrs. Dorothy Evans joined the Phy. Ed. program as a part-time teacher.

West's phy. ed. department lost its social, folk, and square dance unit due to a schedule change.

There is a completely new lighting system in the gym and swimming pool. Improvements in the girls' locker room include all new lockers. "They're fantastic and have greatly cut down on theft!" states Mrs. Tona Gillispie, phy. ed. teacher.

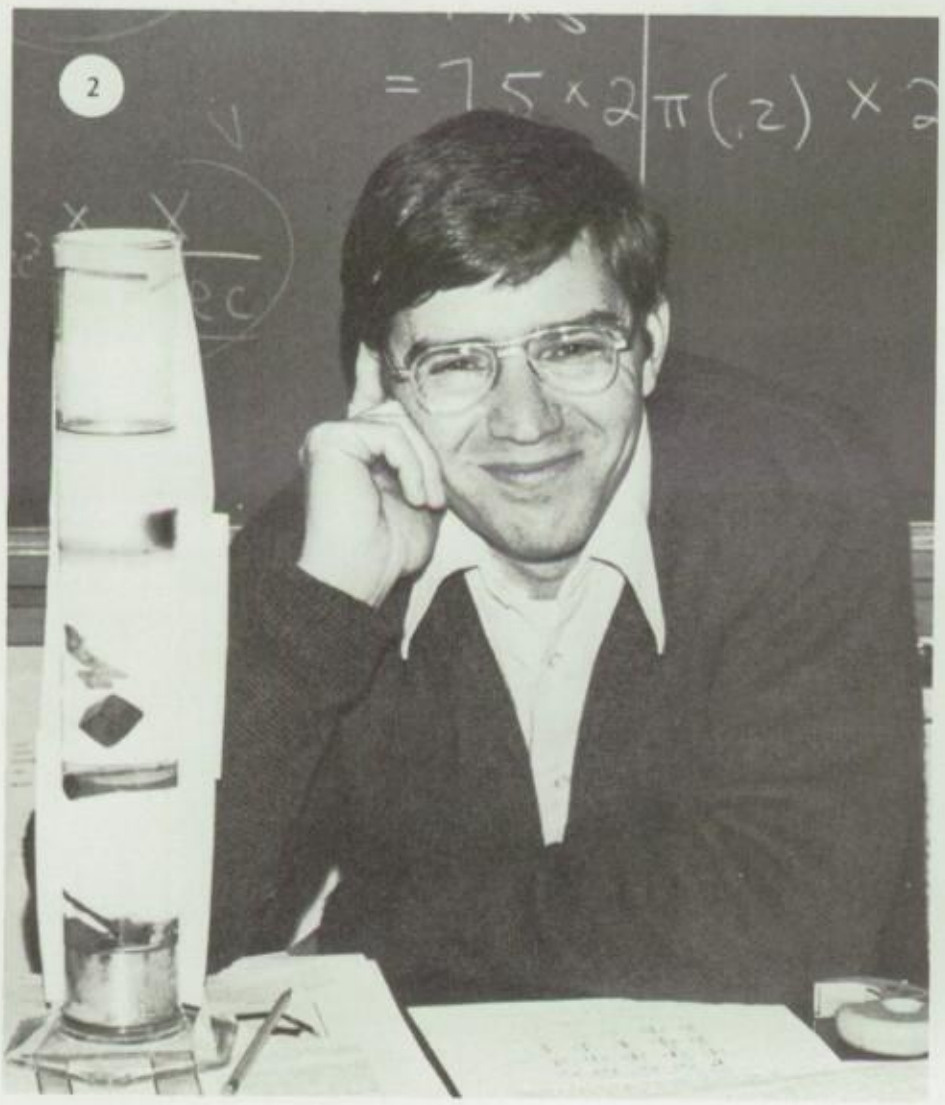
GYM TEACHERS • 1 Don Larsen gives a grin. • 2 George Flad catches up on the soaps. • 3 Going for a touchdown is Luverne Klar. • 4 Mrs. Dorothy Evans, Miss Barb Knutson and Mrs. Tona Gillispie take a moment to relax.

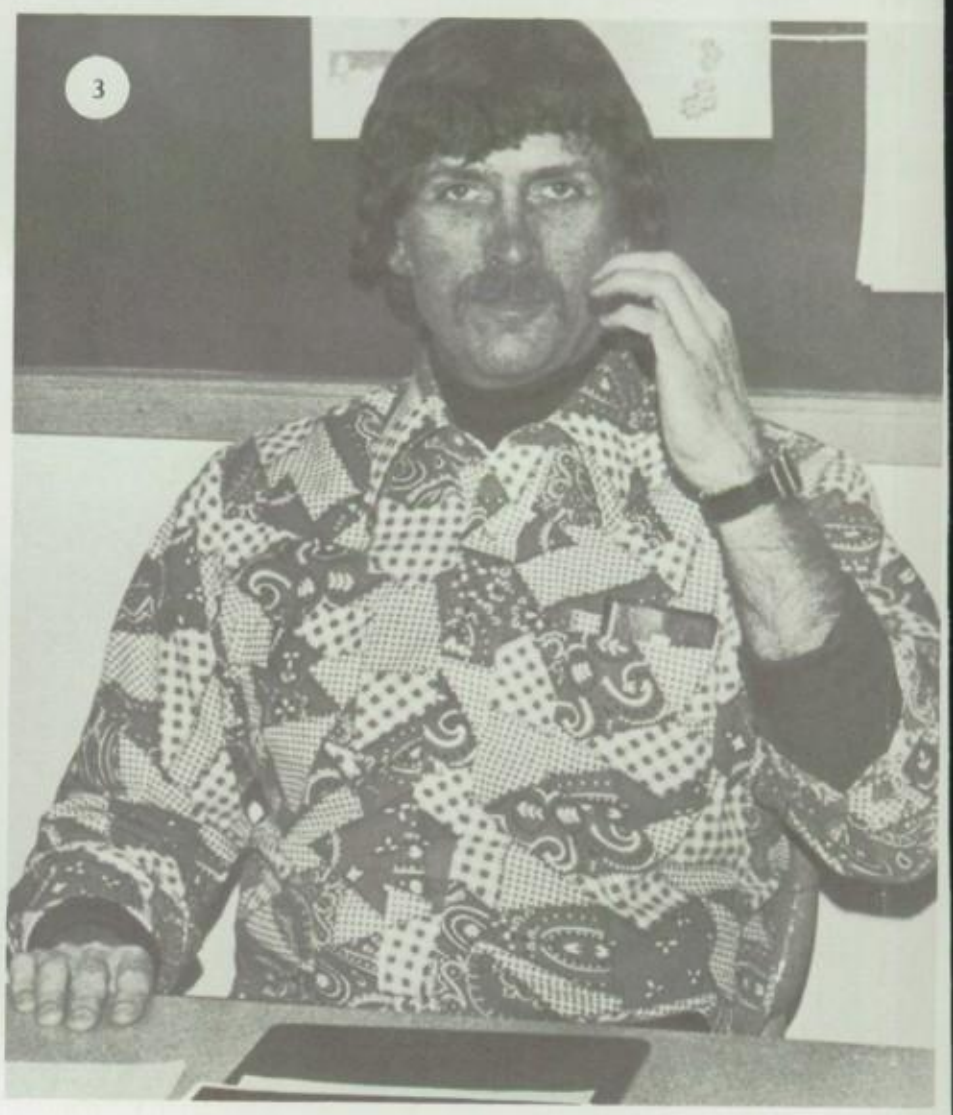
STUDENTS LEARN THE HEART OF SCIENCE

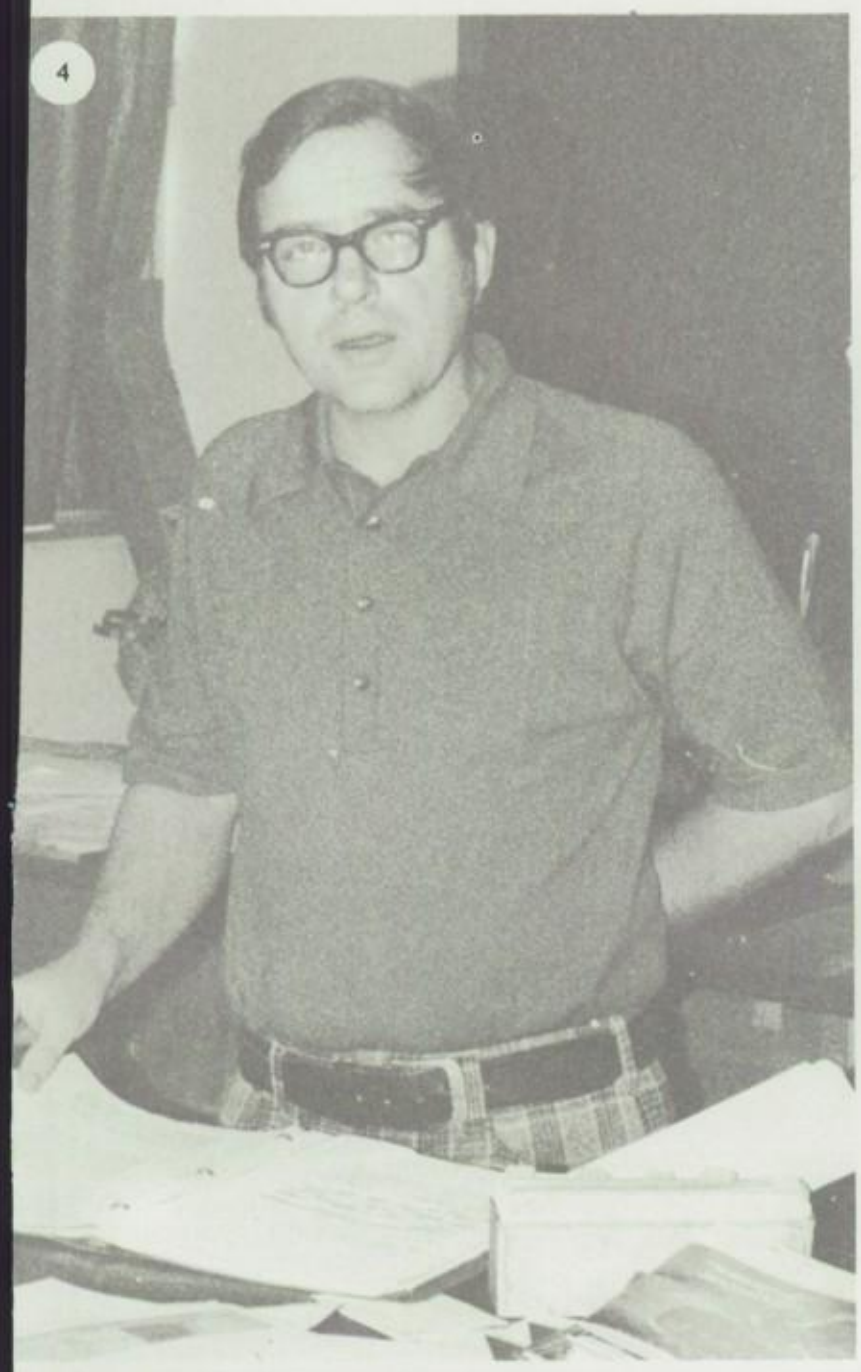
Have you heard any students running around the halls lately screaming, "I just saw the parts of a real cow's heart!"? Or how about, "I just took a blood test, and now I know my blood type!"? They were only coming from Biology class.

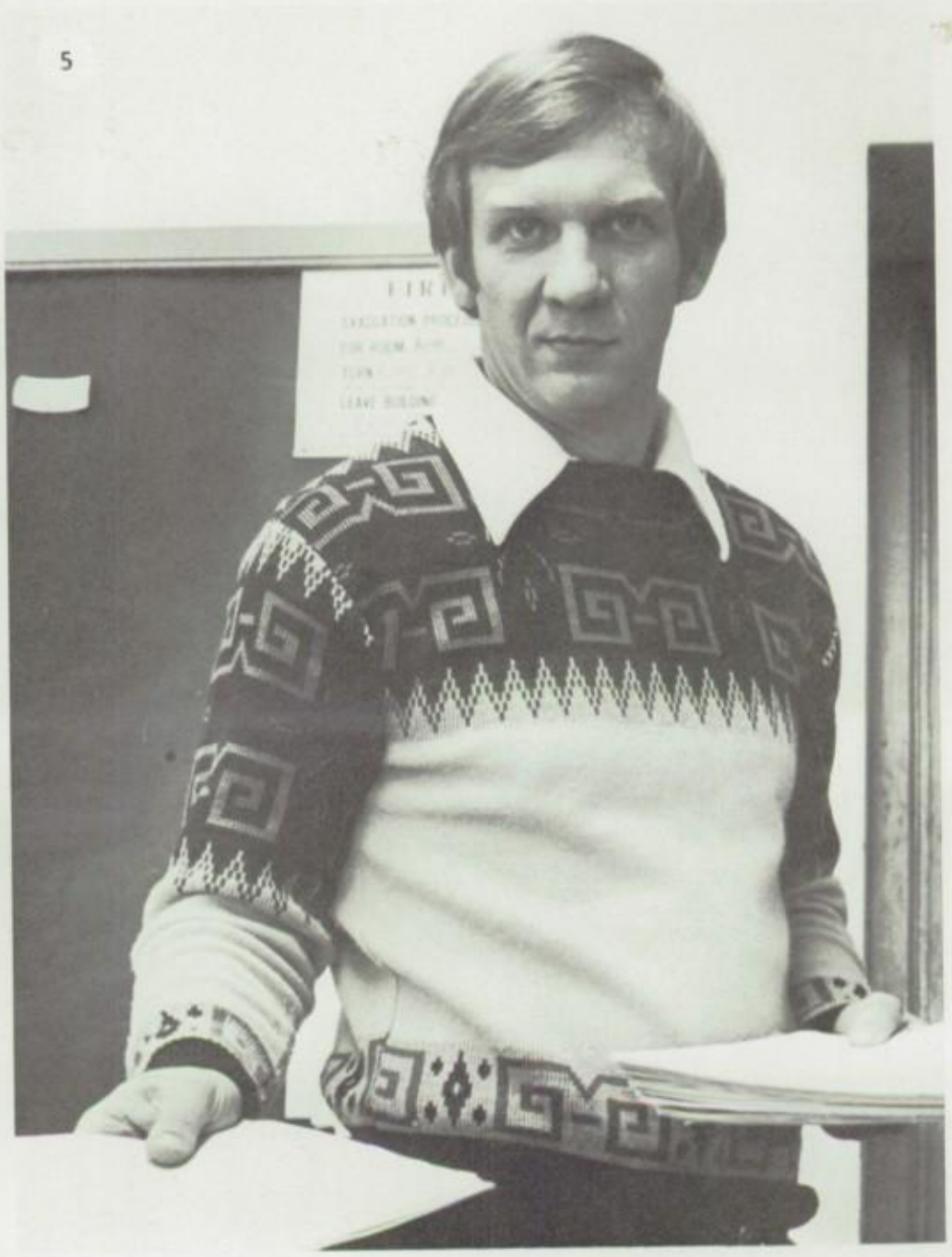
The 9th grade General Science class added a unit in orienteering and map and compass reading. Steve Nelson, General Science teacher, said, "The unit worked real well last year, and I felt my students enjoyed it and learned a lot about compass reading. I feel this unit has added a lot to 9th grade science this year."

Physics had its highest enrollment in 10 years, about 60 students.









•1 Hershel Siebrass and John Behrends show their green thumbs. •2 William Boudreau: Sure I'll let you take my picture! •3 Paul Herzberg relaxes on a busy afternoon. •4 Reading class scores is David Heil. •5 Gary Lunz hands out class papers. •6 Ninth grade Science instructor Steve Nelson.

CARR TO CHINA; COMPUTERS TO WEST

This year at West there was an increased emphasis on computers. "The computer has served as a tool to help solve complicated mathematical problems of our advanced technology," states Richard Callahan.

One of the Math teachers, Marion Carr, took off three weeks last fall to visit Chinese and Japanese schools and study their Mathematics education. "I was most impressed with the fact that, before graduating from high school, nearly all students reach first year calculus in college," states Carr.

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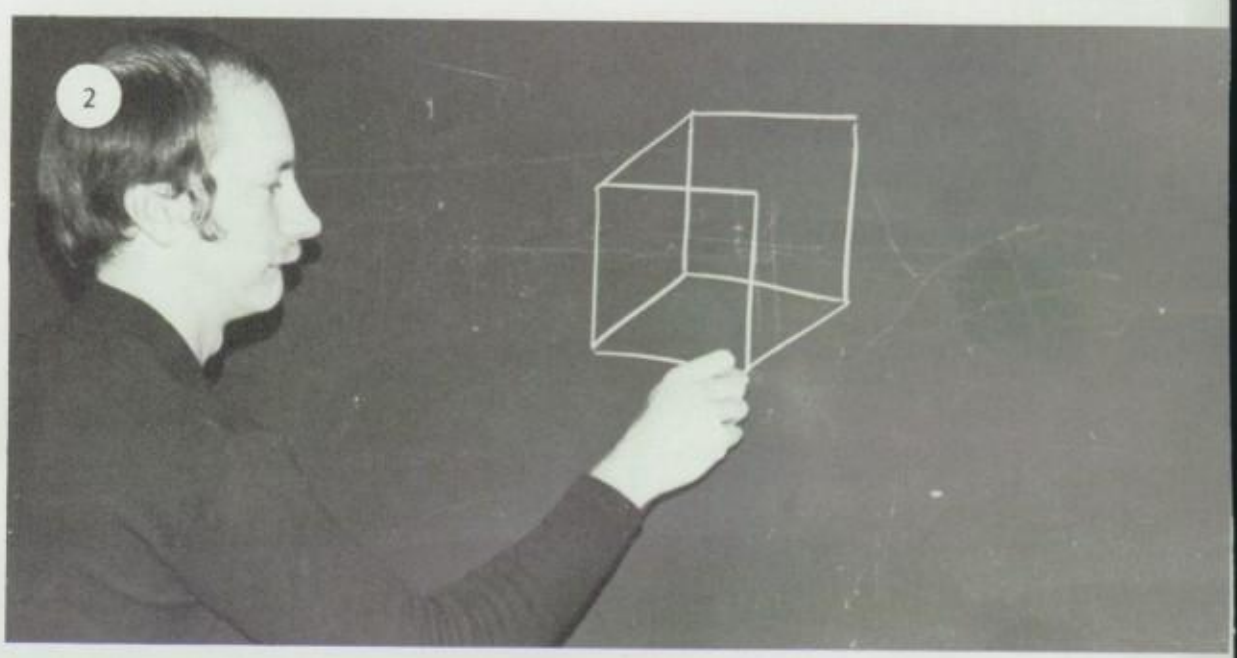
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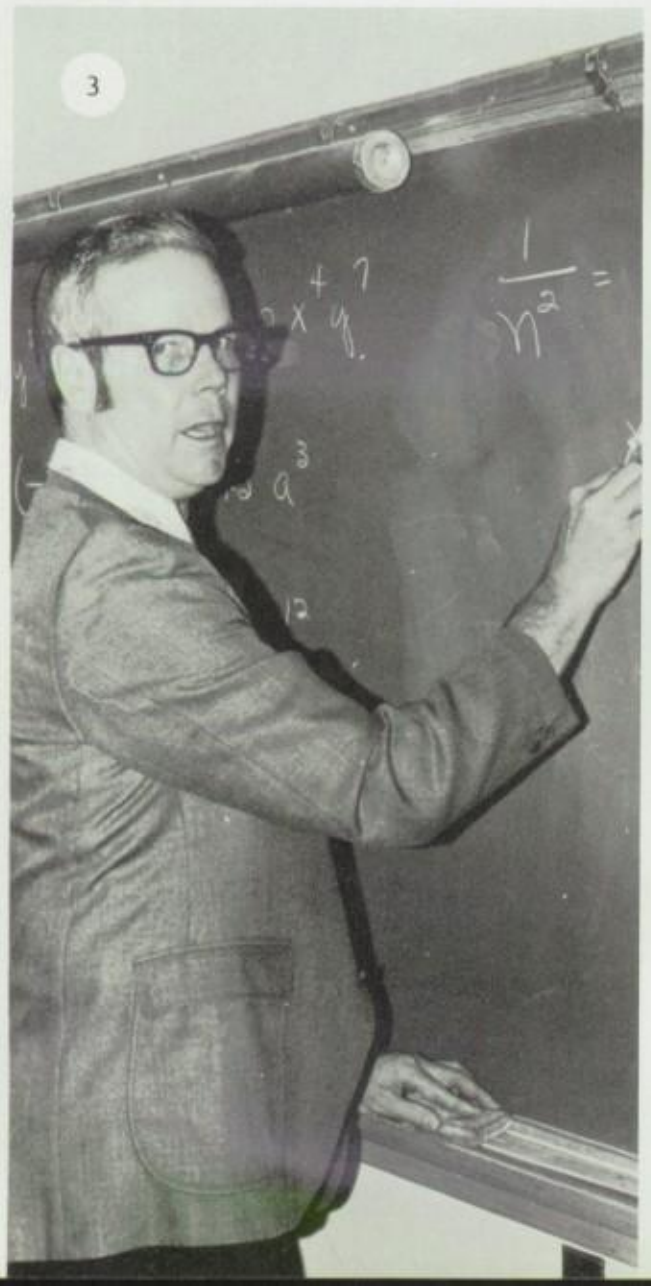
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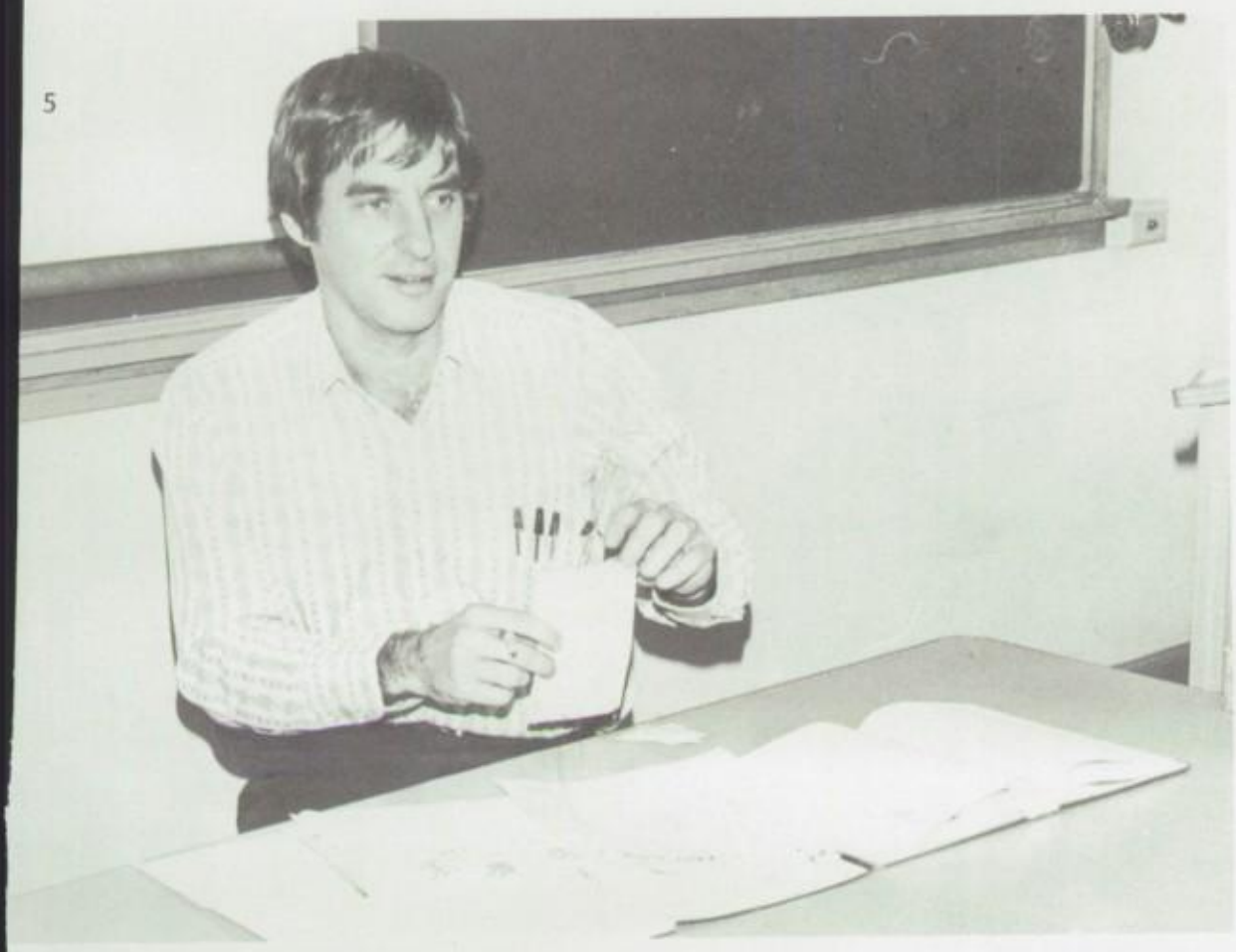
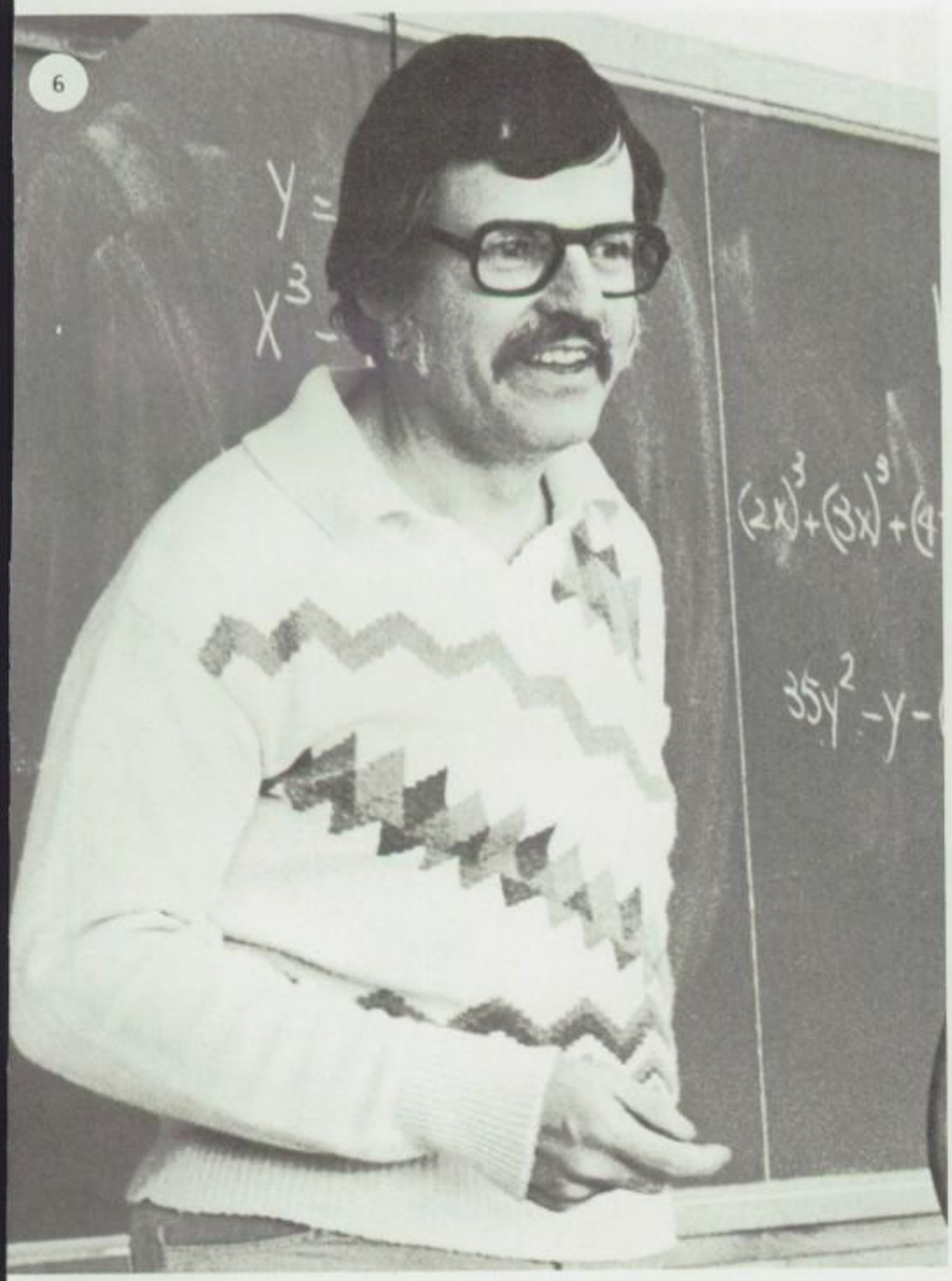
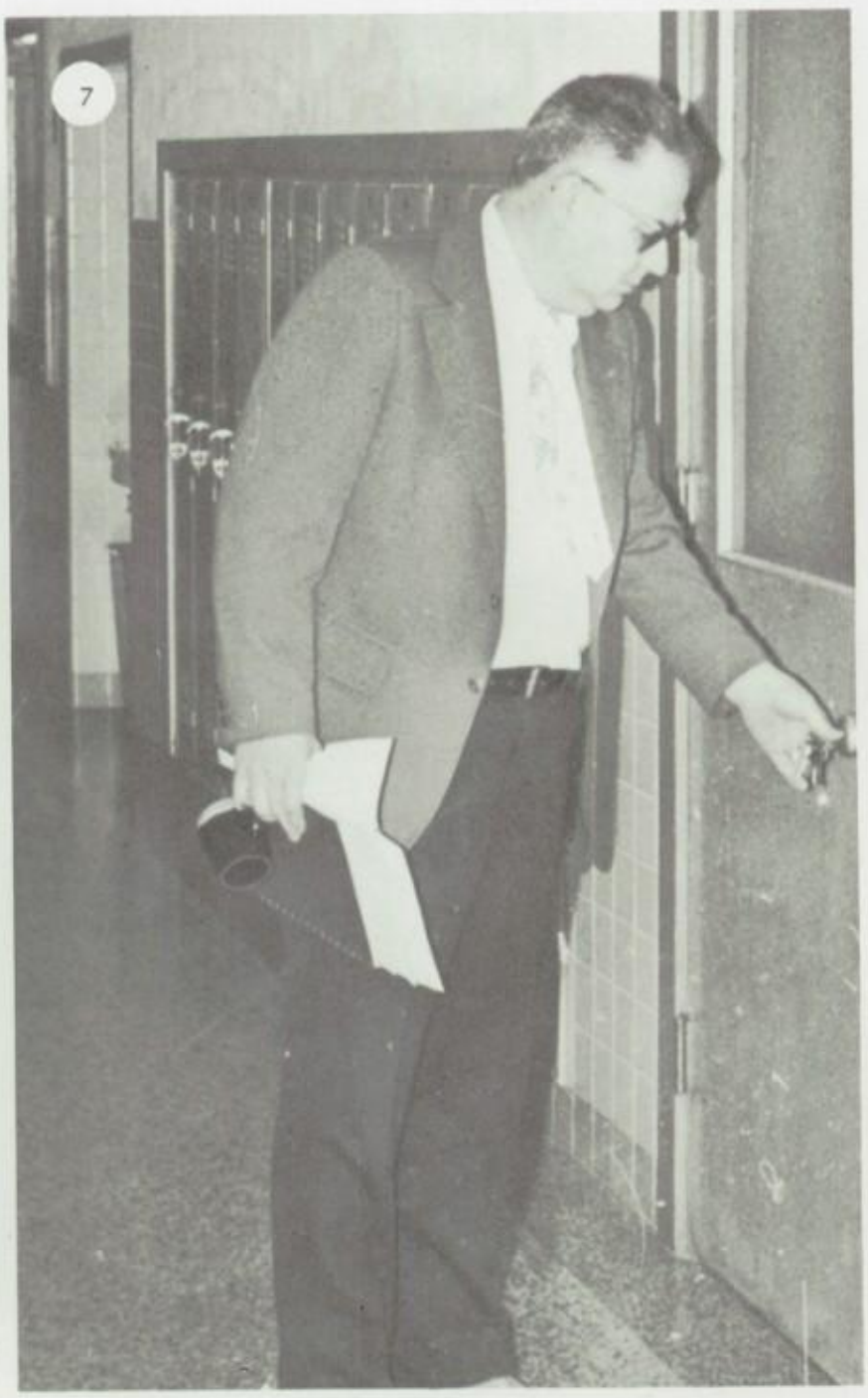
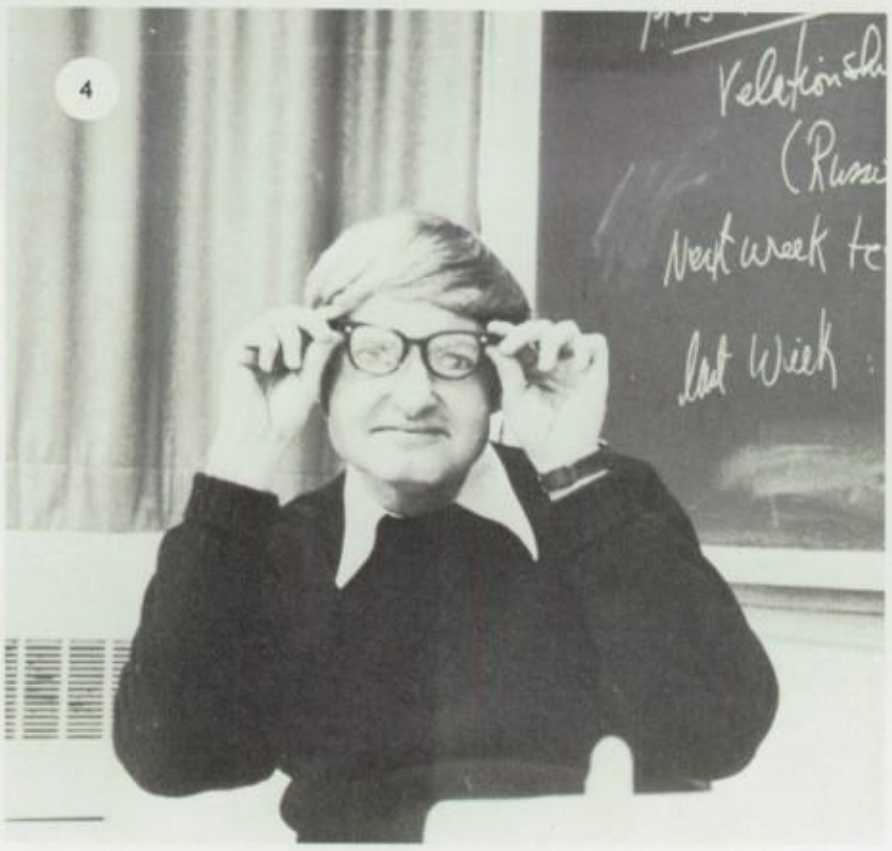


•1 Algebra teachers Mrs. Arlyce Anderson and Mrs. Diann Olson check up on grades. •2 Richard Callahan, Geometry teacher, tackles a tough geometric problem. •3 Gordon Hakes works out a problem on the board. •4 Reuben Koenig, applied Math instructor, helps Sarah LaBrec with an assignment. •5 Robert Bohland takes roll. •6 Geometry teacher James Hanneman. •7 Marion Carr, Elementary Algebra teacher, opens up shop.





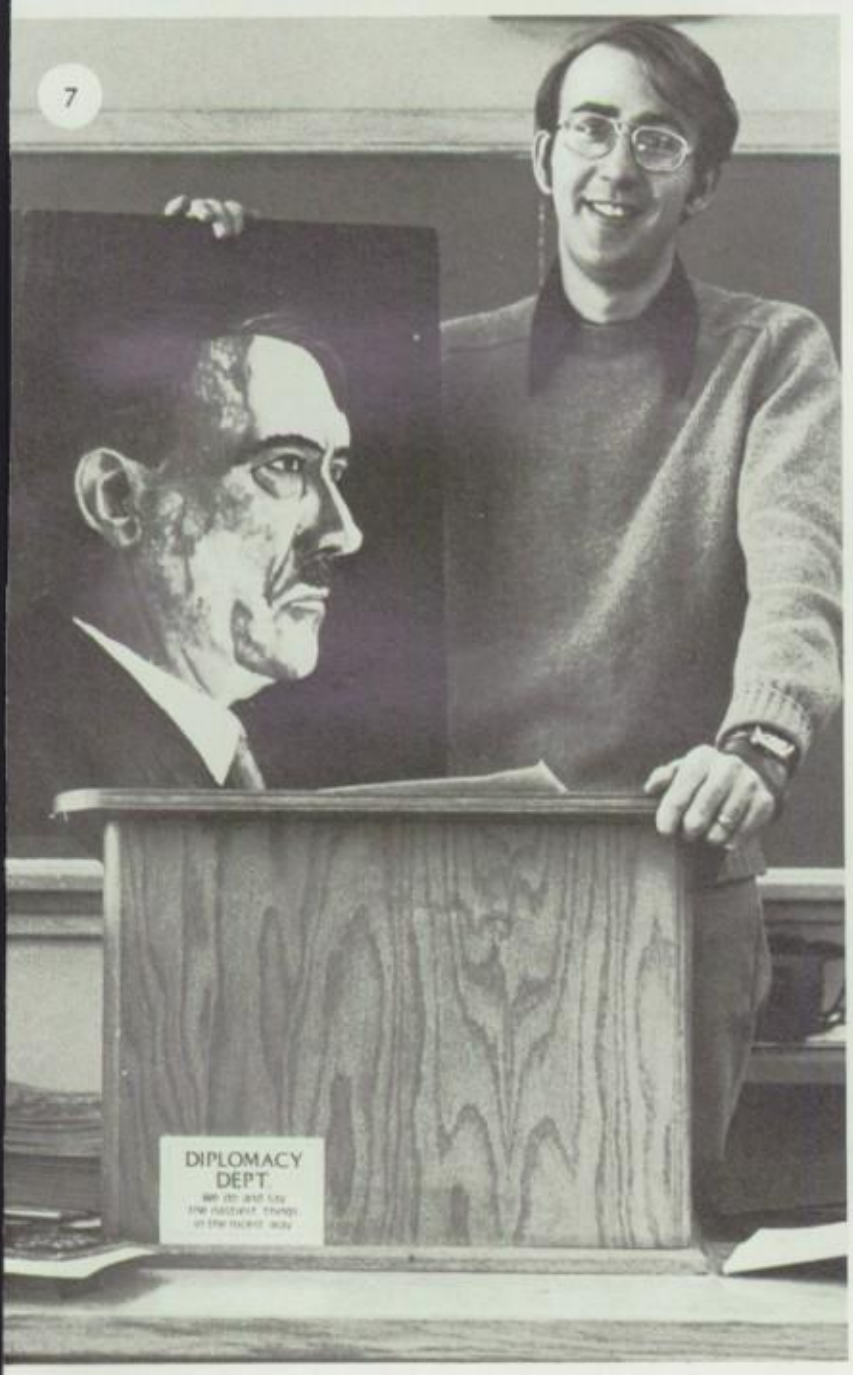
•1 Bill Schimmel, Social Studies instructor. •2 Mrs. Dorothy Barrett with Close-up winners Russ Weingartz and Duane Radar. •3 Greg Rathbun, U.S. History teacher. •4 Pat Flynn impersonates Steve Martin. •5 World Area Studies teacher Karl Adolphson. •6 John Just, Social Studies teacher, writes on his desk. •7 Robert Ihrig salutes Adolph Hitler. •8 Lynn Pierce and Burt Anderson welcome their American Studies students. •9 World Area Studies instructor John Schwertfeger.



PAST STUDIES WITH NEW IDEAS

Eleventh grade World Area Studies classes worked a lot with puzzles and games. "They help in the learning of my students, says Karl Adolphson." It's important to teach history so students will be acquainted with the physical, social and economic world, he says. "Even though the course is required, I feel most students do a good job!"

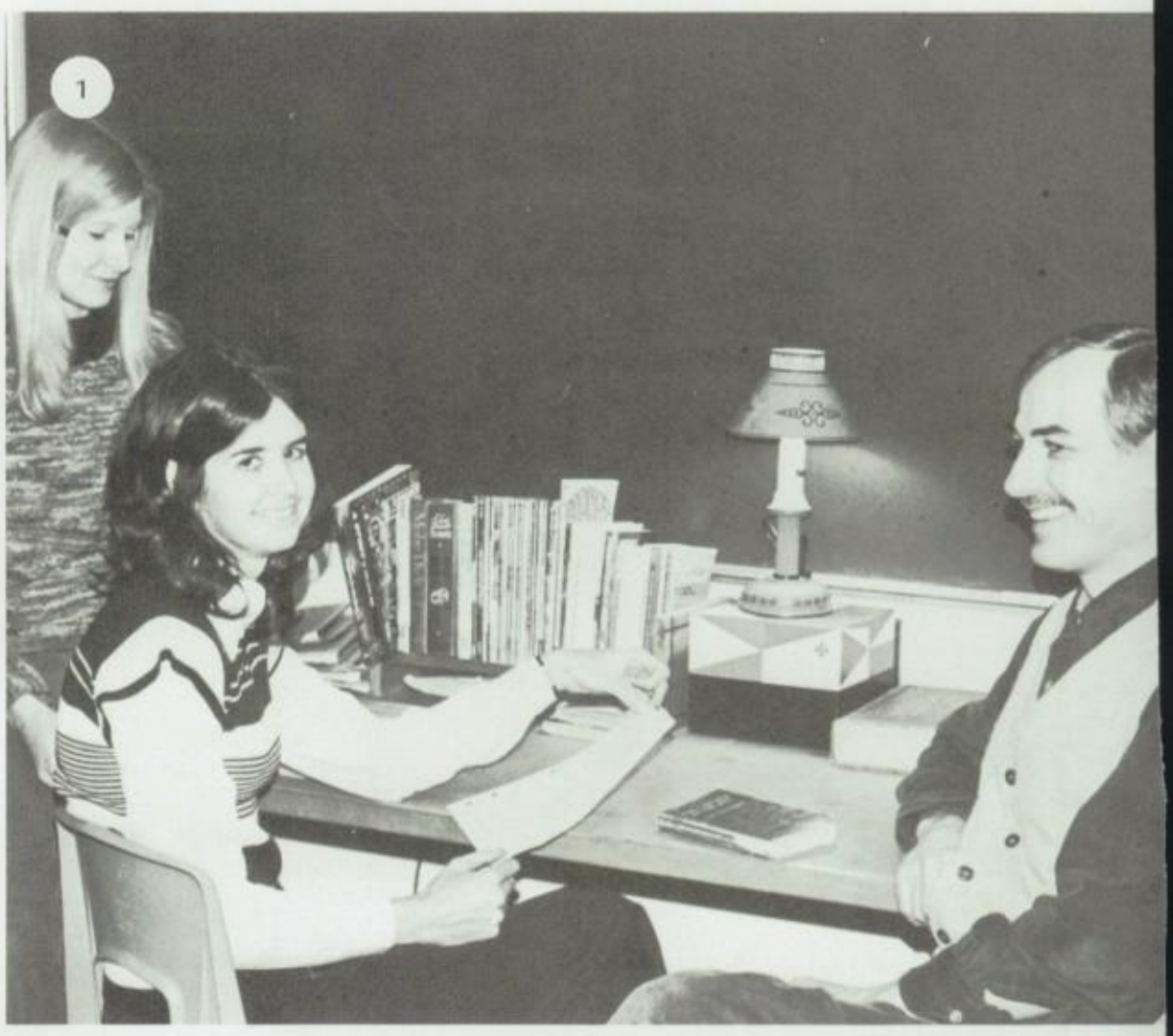
Greg Rathbun instructed 9th grade American Studies and 10th grade U.S. History in his first year of teaching. Also in its first year was Futurism, a class taught by Robert Ihrig.



'I' BEFORE 'E' EXCEPT AFTER 'C'

Mrs. Marion Powers was back at West teaching English after an eight year absence. She previously taught in a private school in California.

There was a little change in Miss Gretchen Etzell's classes as she used tape recorders to advantage. "Hopefully next year the English department will own its own tape recorders. Using them gave me more time with my students and I feel that they are extremely effective," says Miss Etzell.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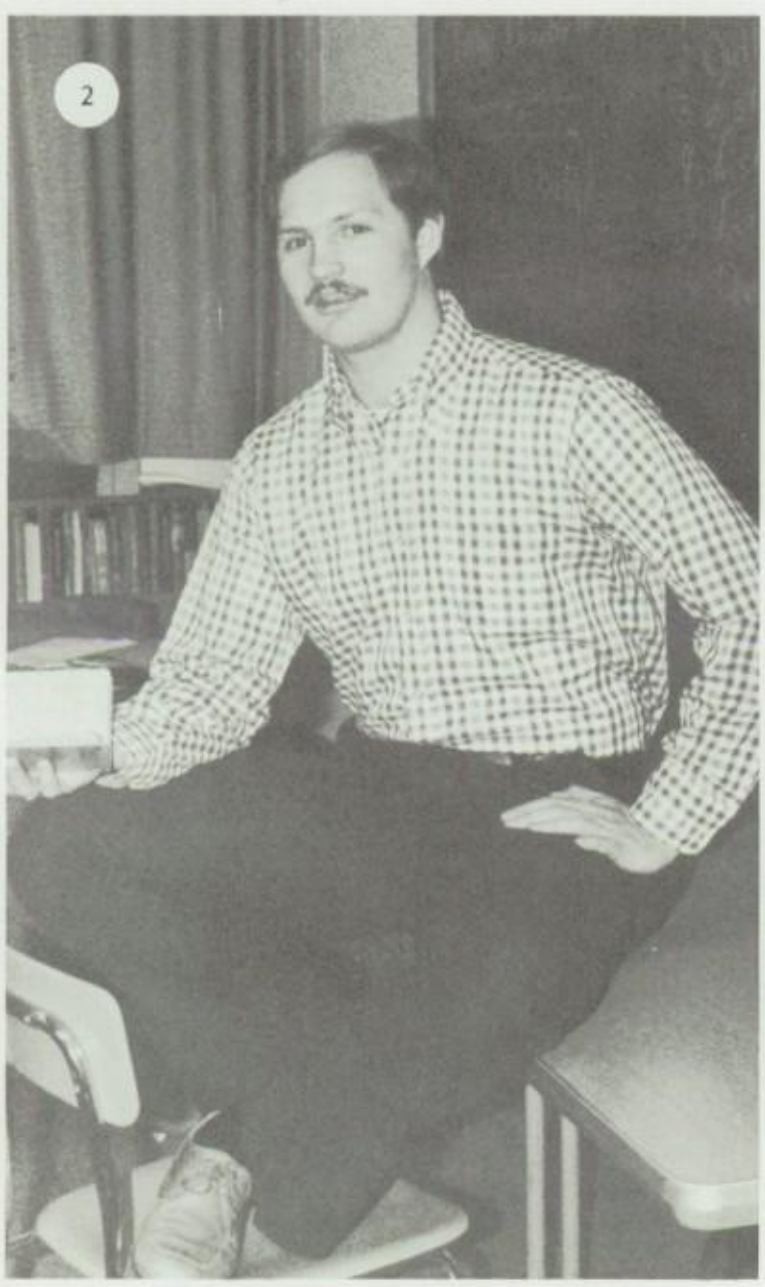
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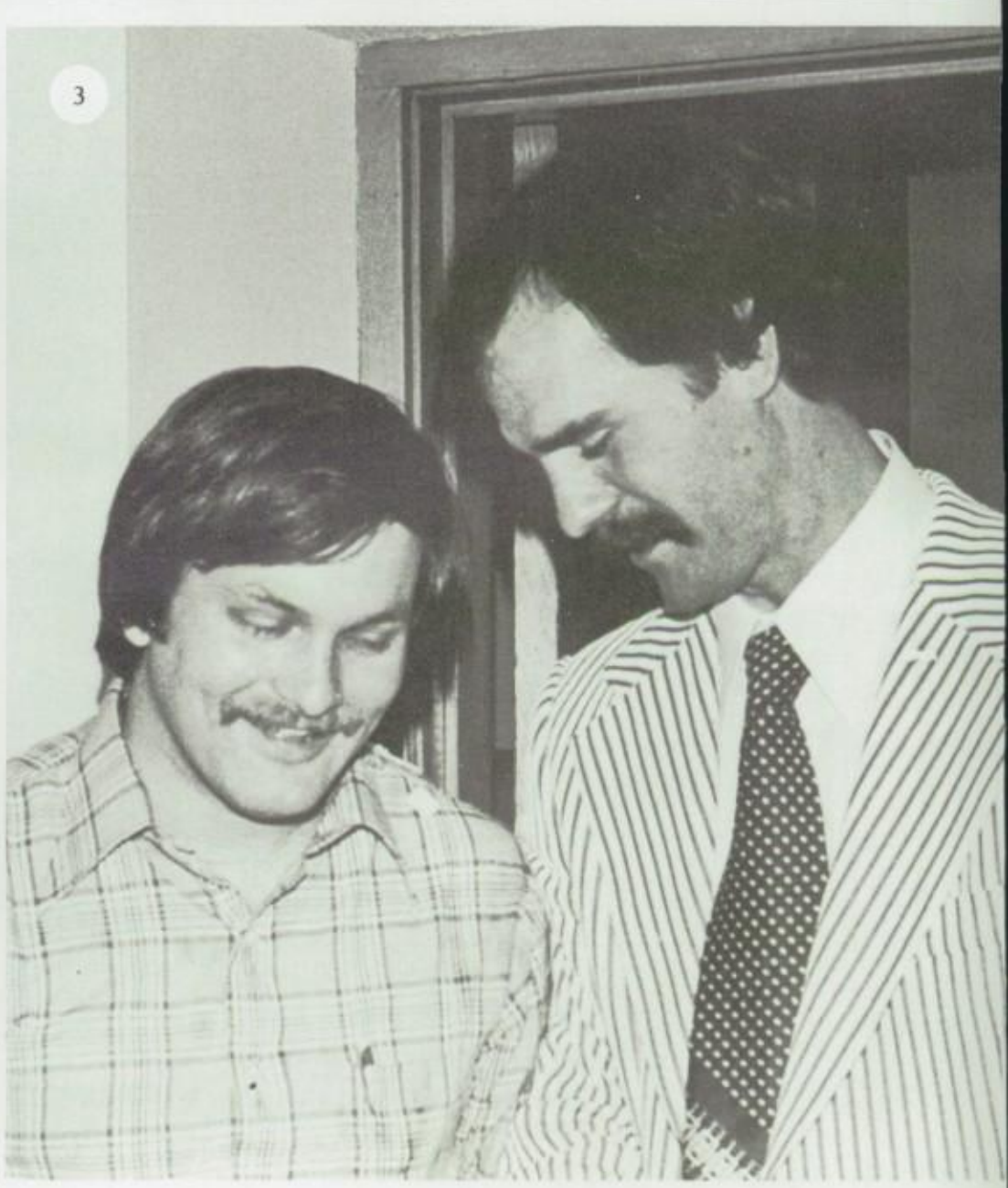
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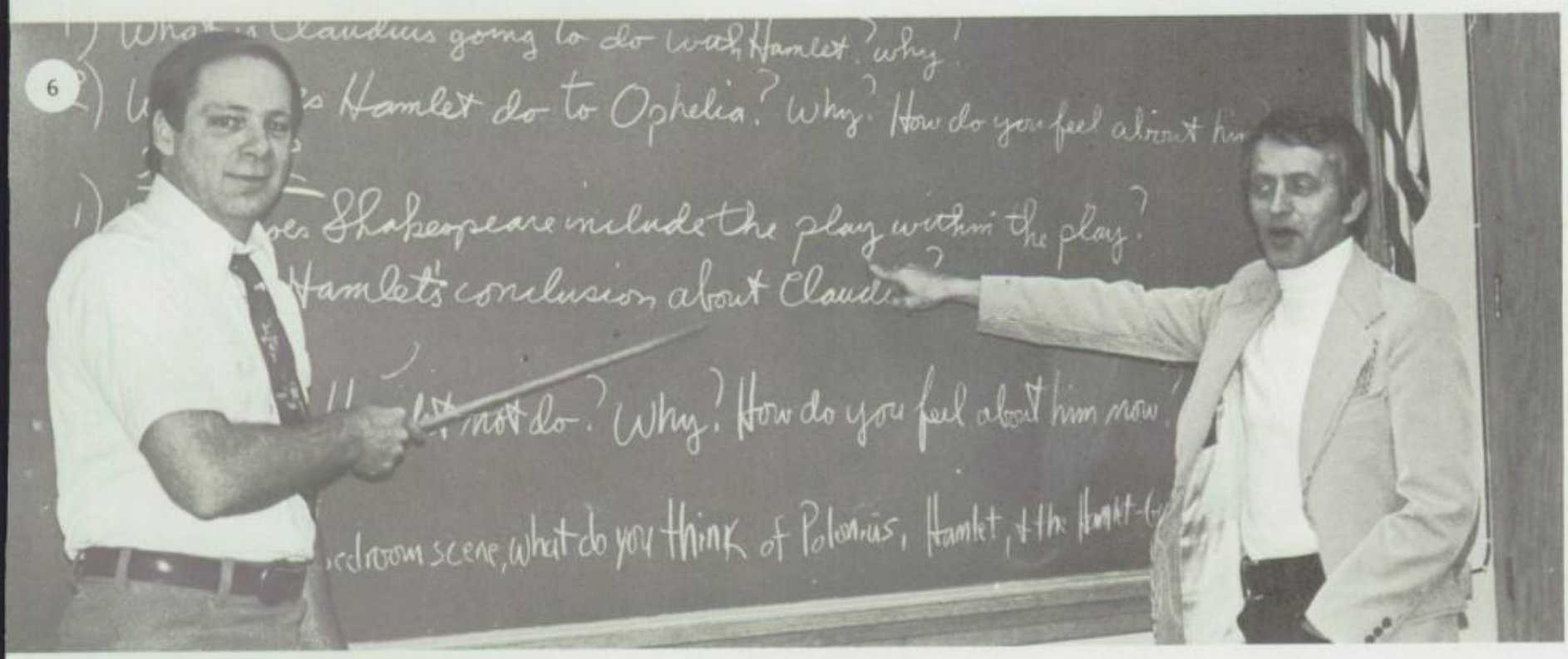
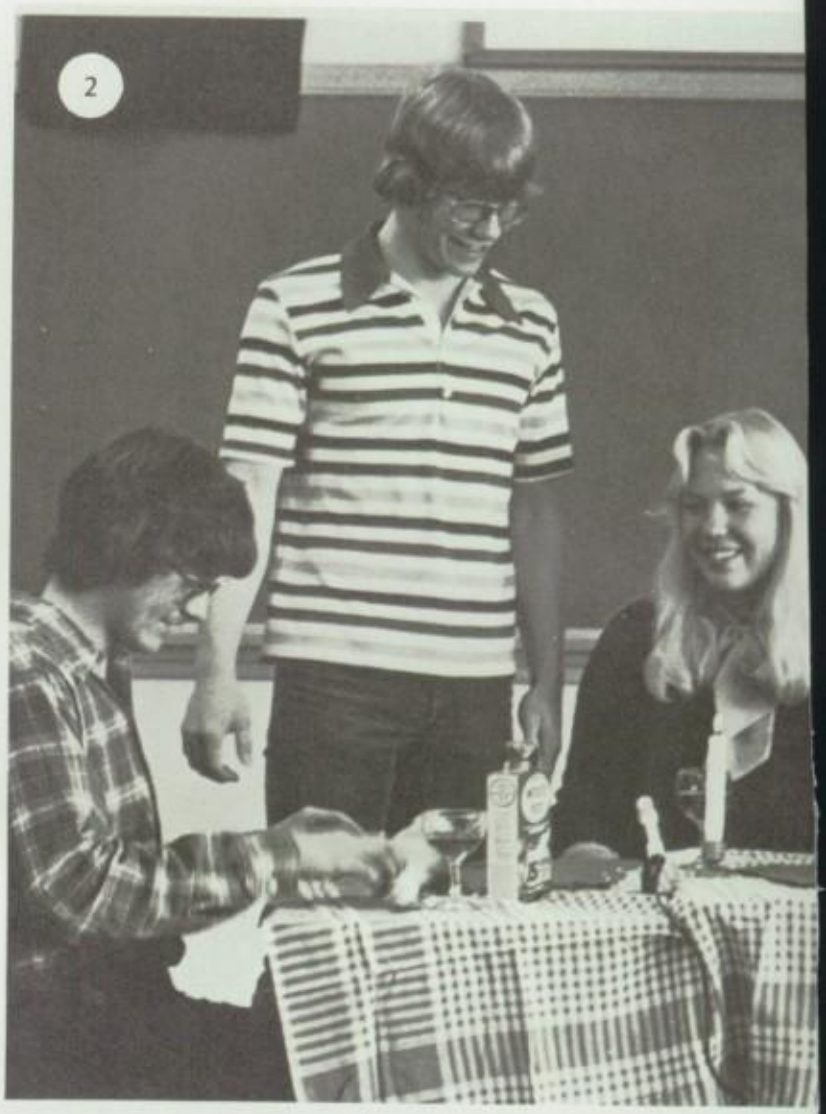

Claudius going to do with Hamlet? Why?
Hamlet do to Ophelia? Why? How do you feel about him
Shakespeare include the play within the play?
Hamlet's conclusion about Claud
not do? Why? How do you feel about him now?
bedroom scene, what do you think of Polonius, Hamlet,

•1 Miss Joy Hanssen, Mrs. Jan Richards, and Ron Arndt, SLBP teachers. •2 Joel Hoiland explains speech techniques. •3 John Ketterer and Mark Gorman take time out to tell a few jokes. •4 9th grade English teachers: ROW 1-Mrs. Jane Schostag and Scott Nelson. ROW 2-Mrs. Marion Powers and Mrs. Cynthia Overlie. •5 Mrs. Jean Jirak. •6 Literature teacher Roger Wilker goes over his lesson with Humanitites instructor Marty Wiltgen. •7 Mrs. Betsy Eykyn and Miss Gretchen Etzell.



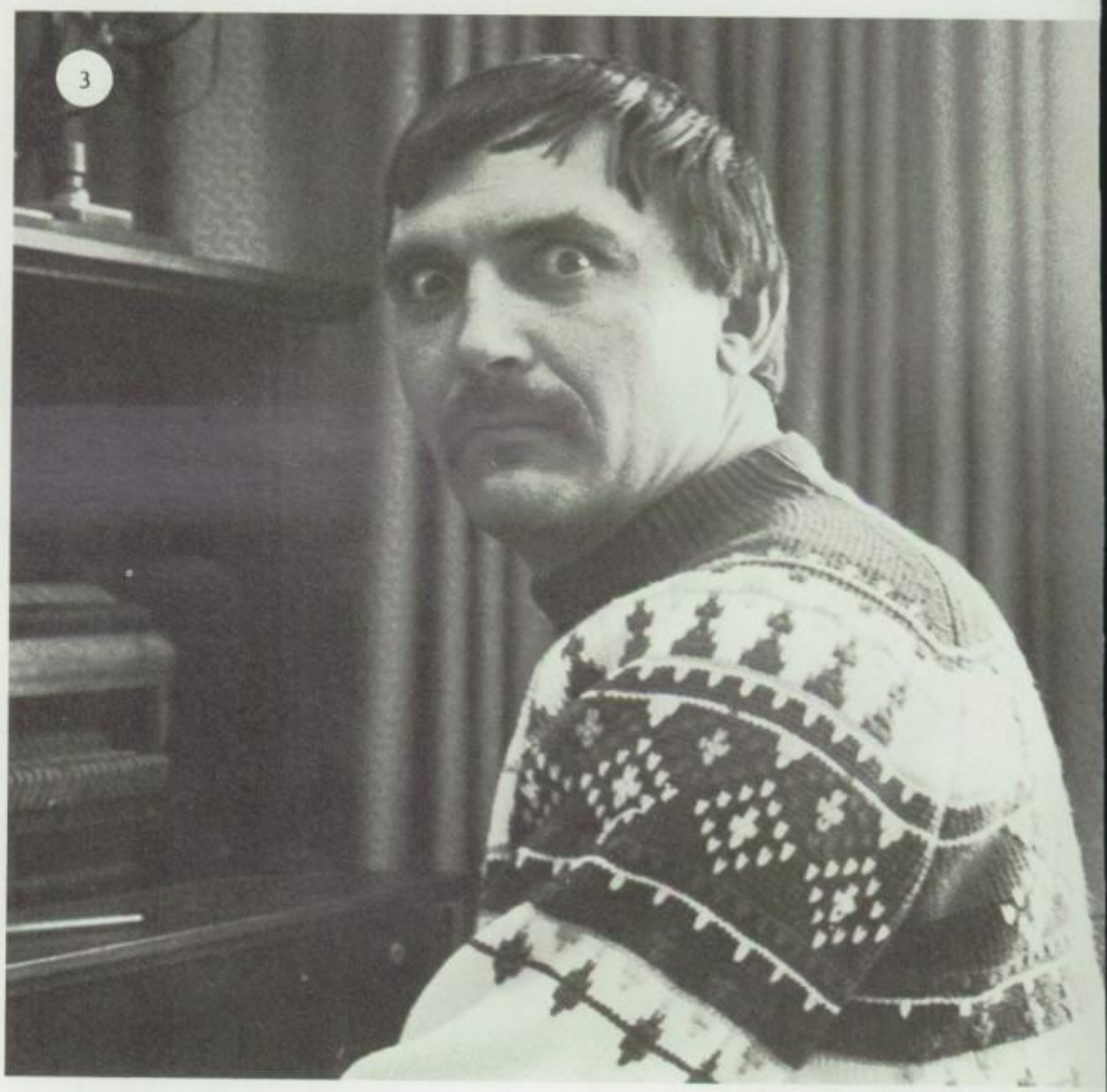
FOREIGN LISTENING

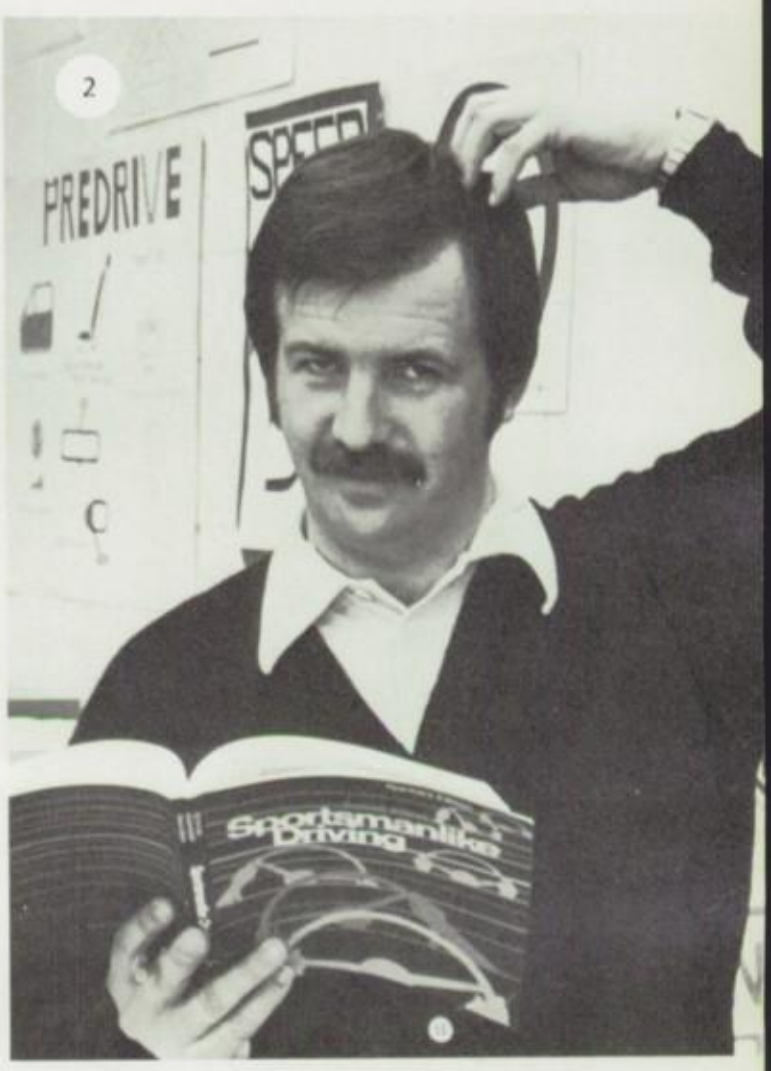
"Escucha me, por favor" is a familiar phrase heard by many Spanish students. "Listen to me, please."

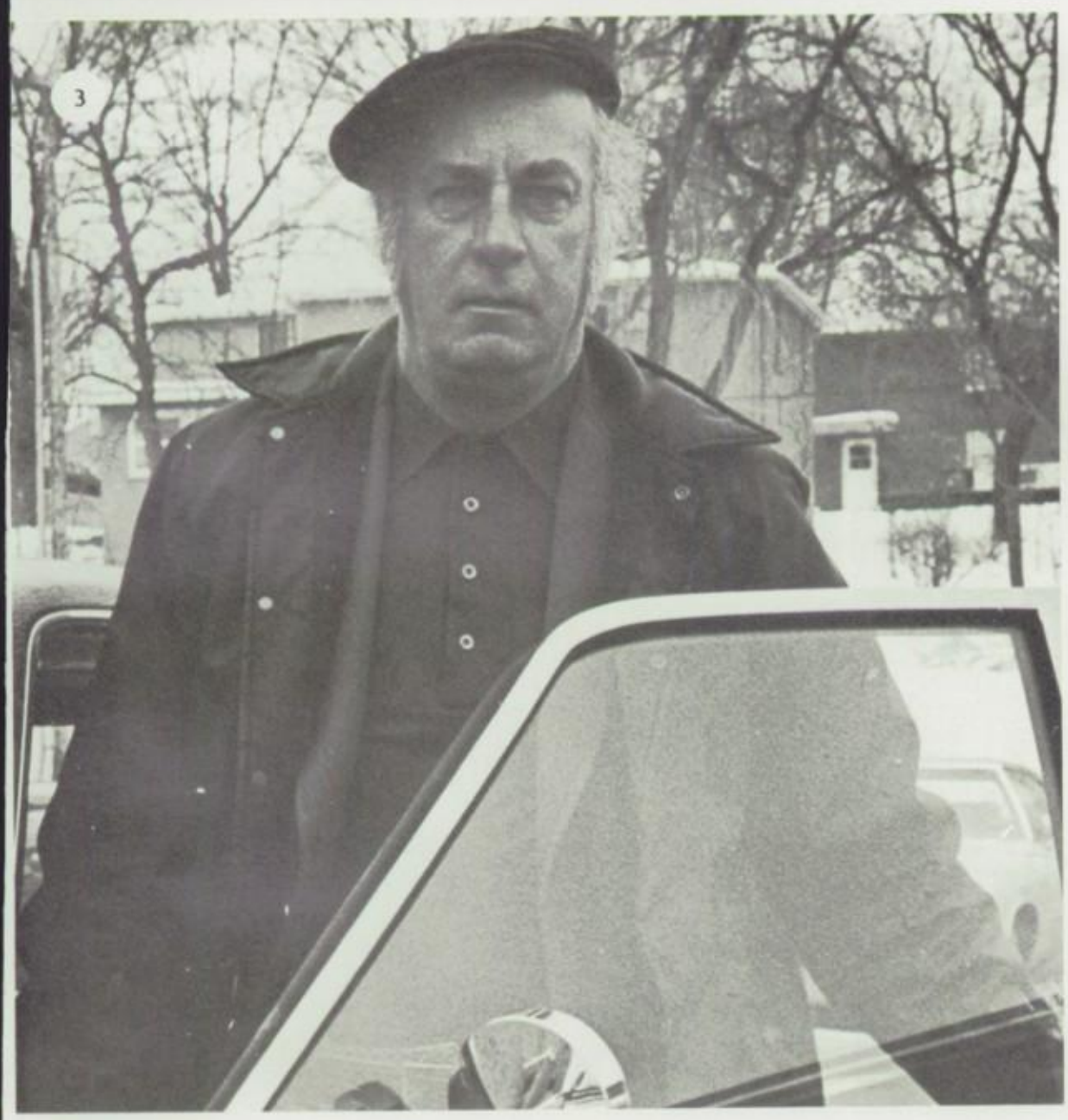
The traditional headphones and text books are fading away, and total class room participation is becoming more popular.

"Spanish is becoming a favorite language among many students, and I like to see students get involved," states Jack Halvorson.

•1 Ron Steinberg, foreign language teacher. •2 Foreign language students act out a Spanish skit. •3 Jack Halvorson in action.







LICENSE TO CRUISE

Driving skills were learned from classroom instruction, simulator practice and range driving.

One student commented, "I have a lot of fears about driving the first time; hopefully, it will become better with more practice."

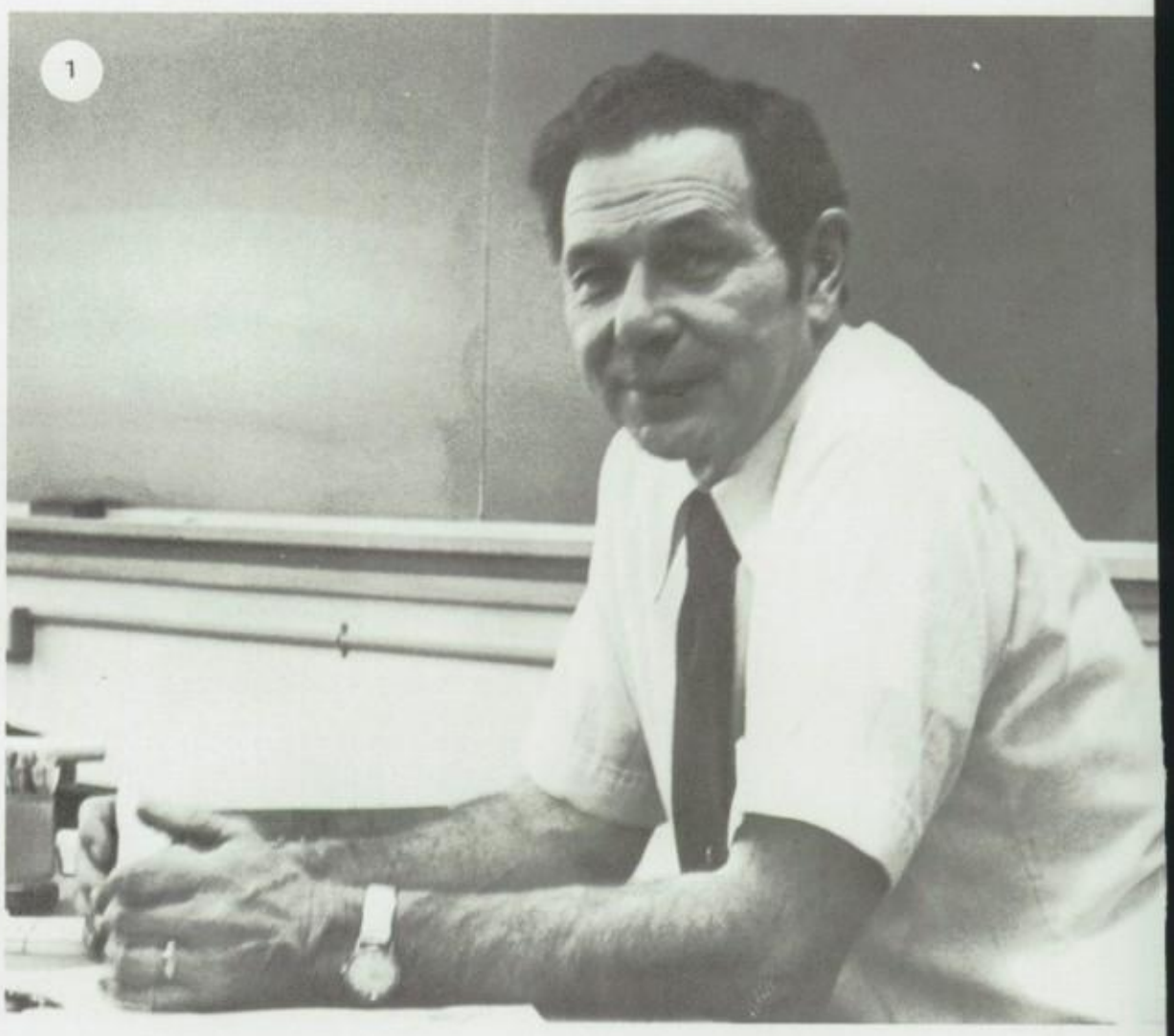
Again this year the cost for Driver Ed. was $50.

•1 Ben Dickmeyer, Driver Education teacher. •2 Charles Helling reviews correct driving habits. •3 Ray Stephens' life is in your hands.

A S D F
J K L ;

Ninth graders had the option of taking typing this year, and there was a big turnout. There will be new typing books next year, which will help give more time to production type work. "I feel our typing classes are the best in the state. Our students are achieving at extremely high rates," states Jack Bengtson.

Improvements in the marketing program include more student involvement in DECA and the management of the Scarlet Shop.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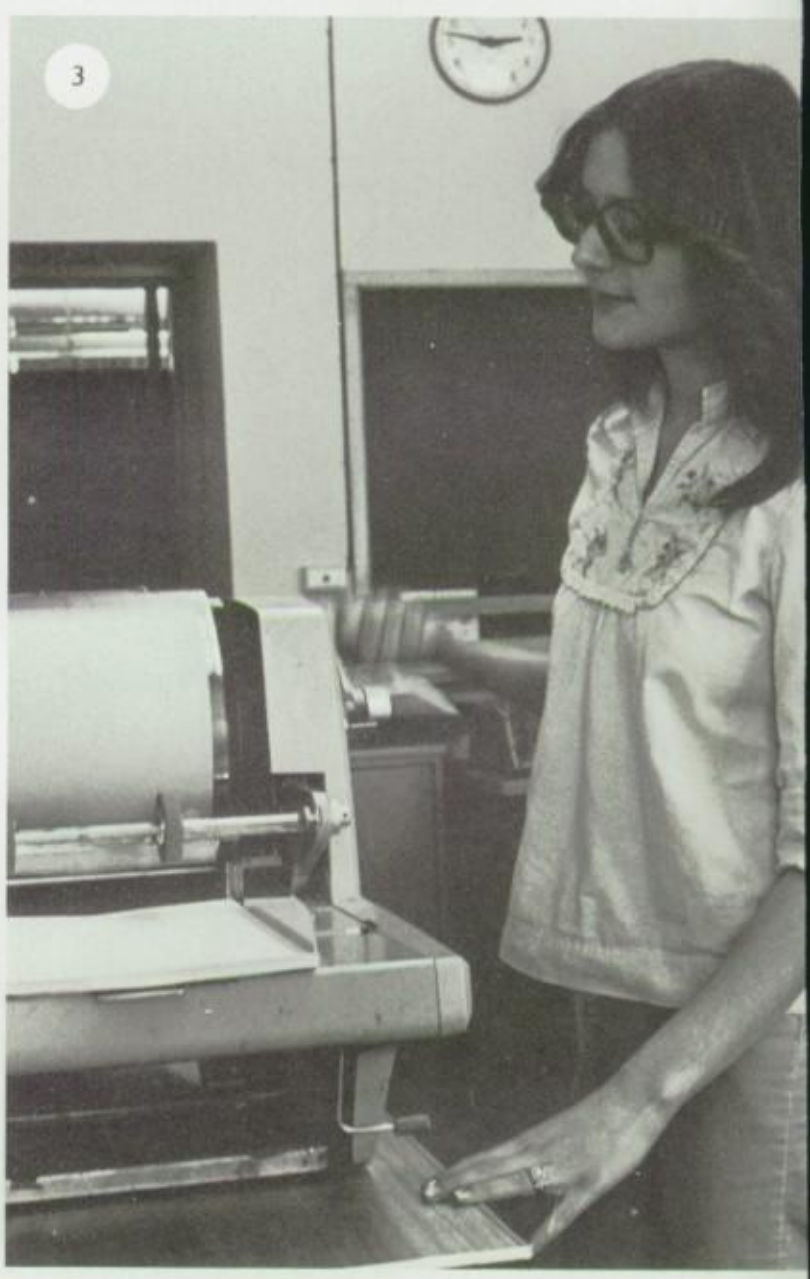
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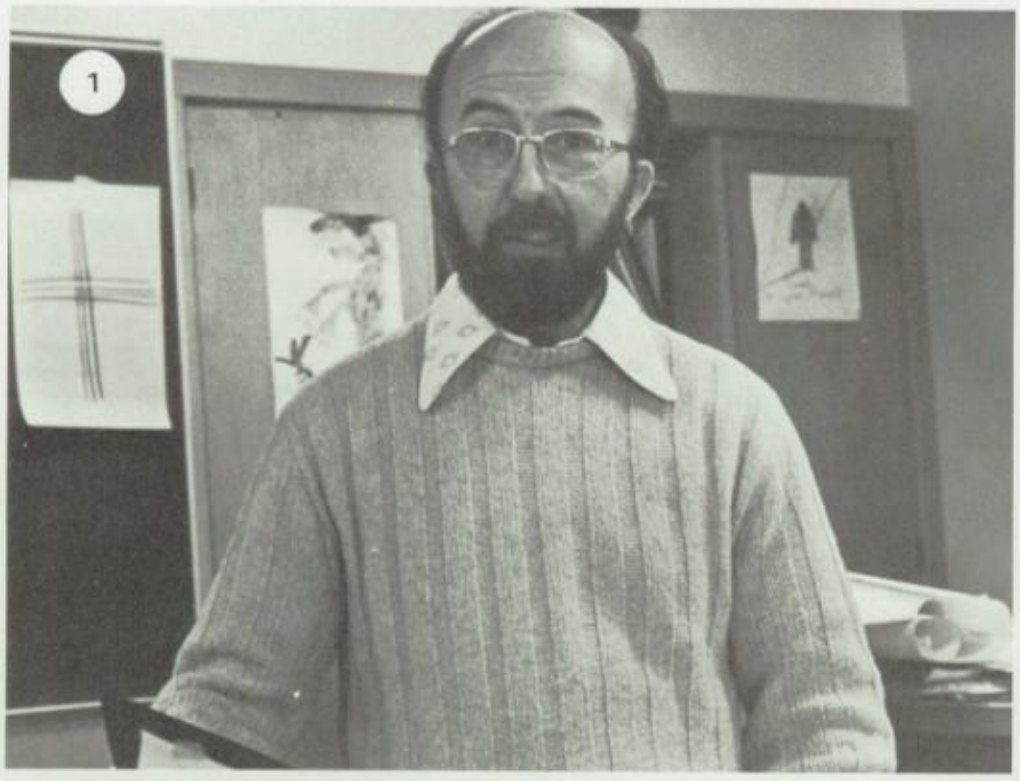
•1 Bill Mickelson •2 Marketing teacher Mike Zarn •3 Julie Guentzel cruises on the mimeograph. •4 Mrs. Kathleen Jensen, typing teacher. •5 Jack Bengtson. •6 It's easy when you keep your eyes on the book. Kelli Lauruhn. •7 Mrs. Alice Gillespie.



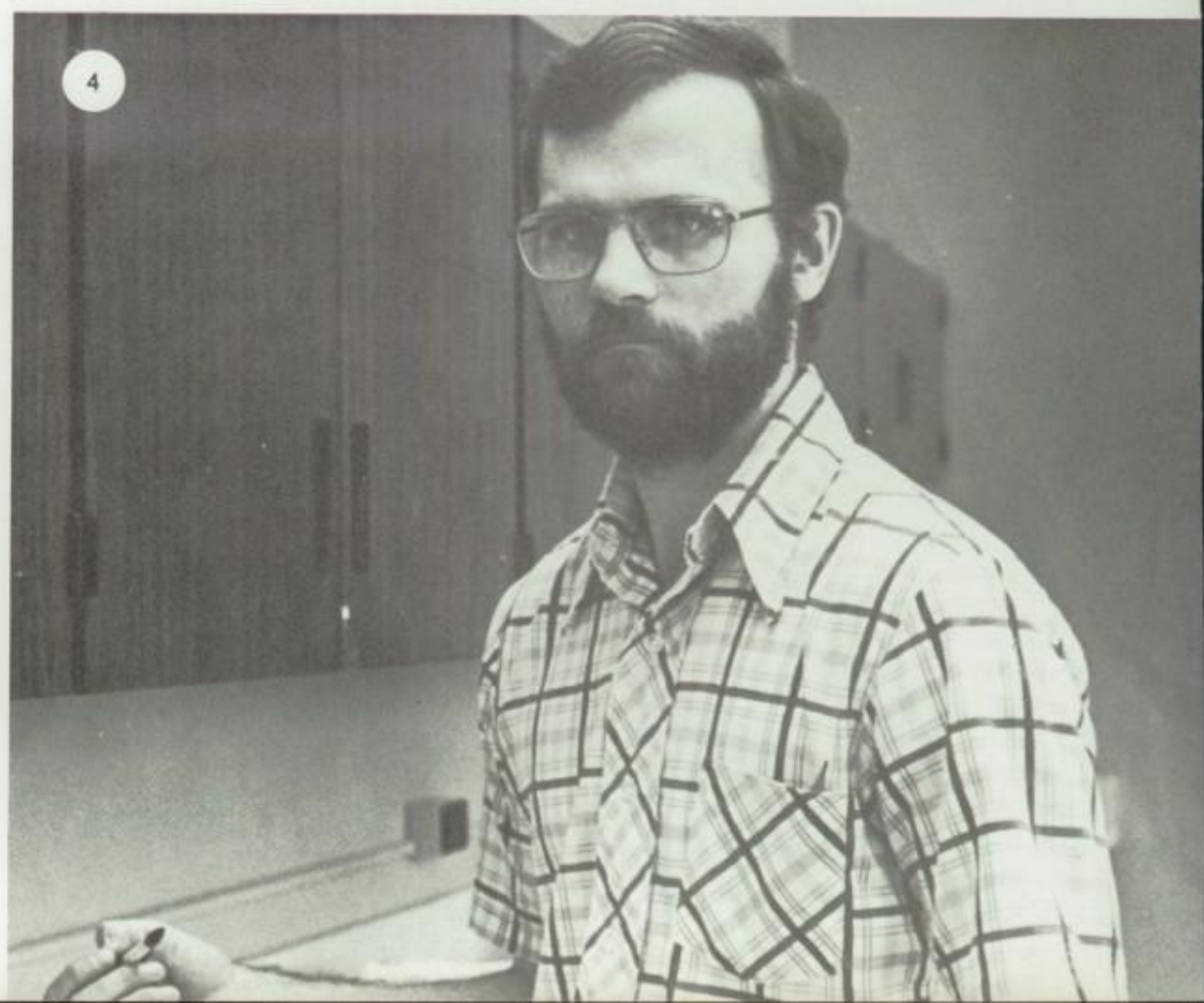
MORE ELBOW ROOM FOR ARTISTS

Remodeling added room and a big change for the art department. Jim Adams commented that remodeling helped the art program greatly and also helped students.

Some of the courses offered were Design, Hand Arts, Watercolor, Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Art Metals, Printing and Commercial Art. Advanced courses were also offered.

With the remodeling, display space was added and more student work could be seen.

•1 You call this art? Teacher Jim Adams looks over student work. •2 Artwork done by Joel Christnagel. •3 Taking advantage of the new facilities are art students. •4 Tim Halstead, art teacher.



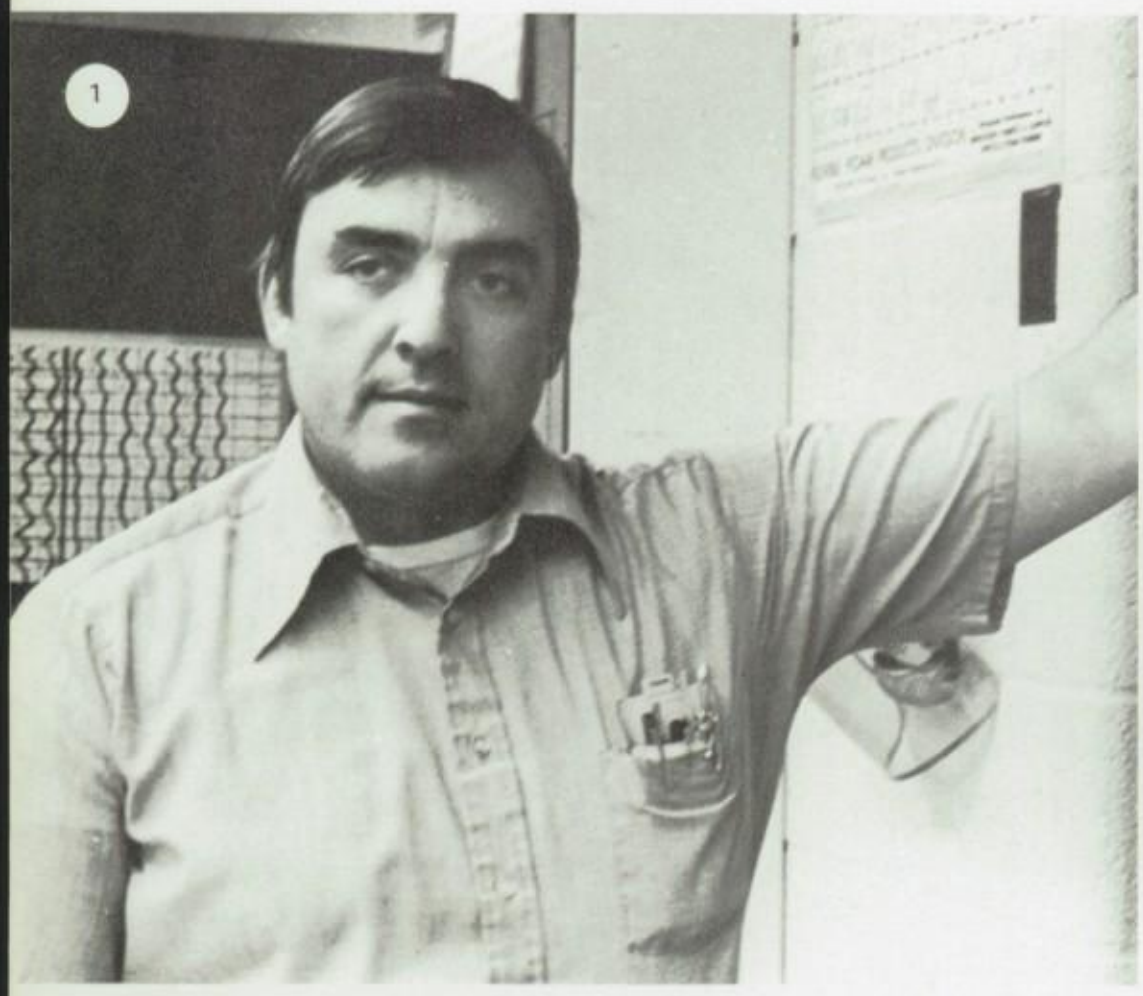
SET YOUR SHUTTER SPEED FOR TAKE-OFF

Again students had the choice of taking a semester of Photography or Aviation.

About 160 students took a semester of Photography where they learned the parts of a camera, techniques of taking a good picture and how to develop film and print pictures. The course wasn't greatly affected by cutbacks, although more cameras were needed. Teacher John Schwertfeger felt the students were cooperative and wished the course ran longer than a semester.

Students in Aviation class once again flew planes in two different flights, one in the fall and the other in the spring. "Aviation/Aerospace is a real good course in getting ready for a job. It's the largest employing industry in the United States today!" states Don Kerkhoff.

•1 Photography teacher John Schwertfeger. •2 Student photograph shows leading lines. •3 Don Kerkhoff, Aviation instructor.

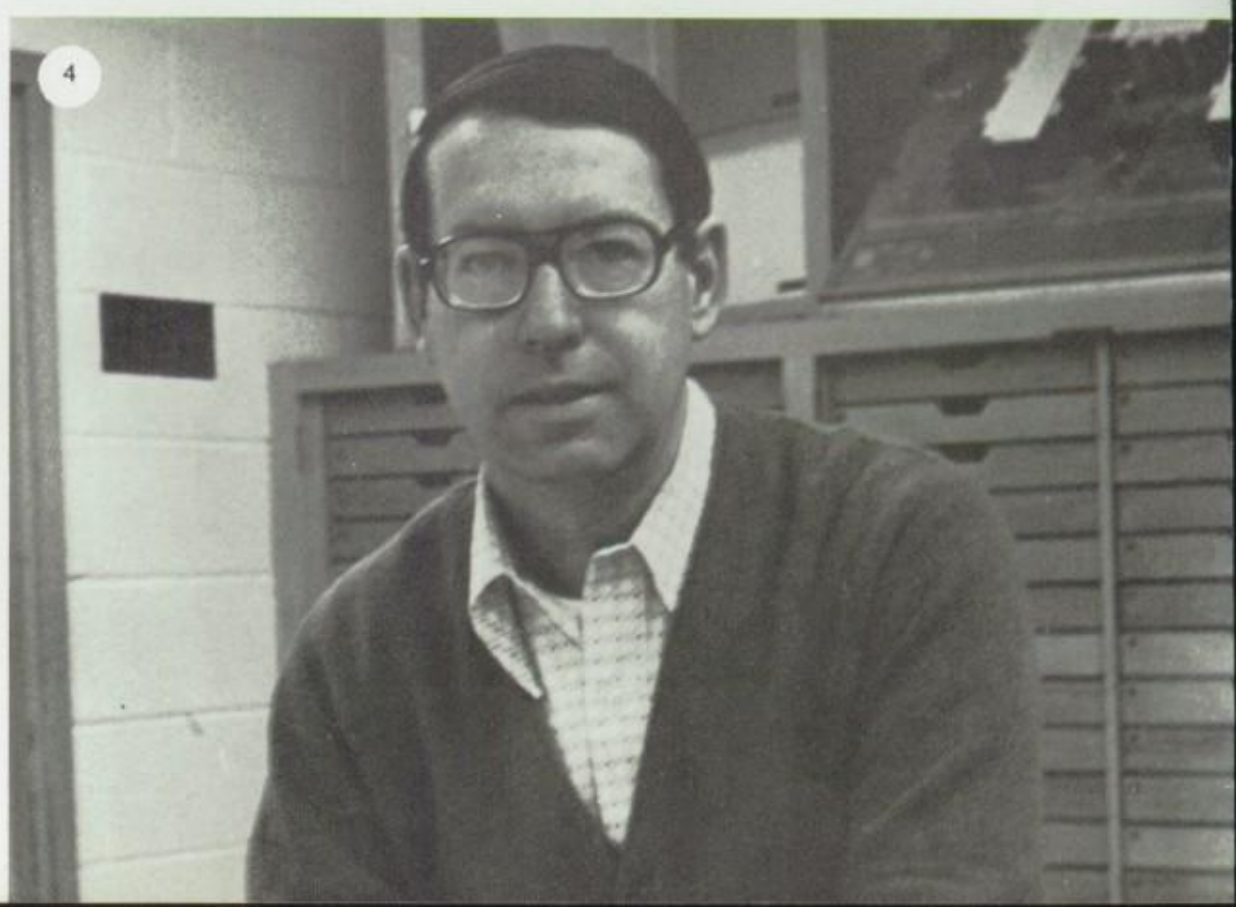


WOODS I BUILDS BIGGER CLASSES

Industrial Arts classes varied from Drafting to Electricity to Auto Mechanics. Nearly 120 students took Woods I, a large percentage of them freshmen. To accommodate the large numbers, Cabinetmaking II was switched from two periods to one, leaving the wood shop open an extra hour.

Russ Hanson commented that female interest is growing "Every one of my classes had at least one girl in it," he said, "which I enjoyed."

•1 Russell Hanson, Industrial Arts teacher. •2 Terry Holzinger and Tim Miller get their hands greasy repairing a car. •3 Brian Espeset and Leo Paine. •4 John Keefe, drafting instructor. •5 Hey you, with the cute glasses on! •6 Dean Brudwick, cabinetmaking instructor. •7 Student finishing up a quarter project. •8 Dennis Davis, Electricty & Electronics instructor.



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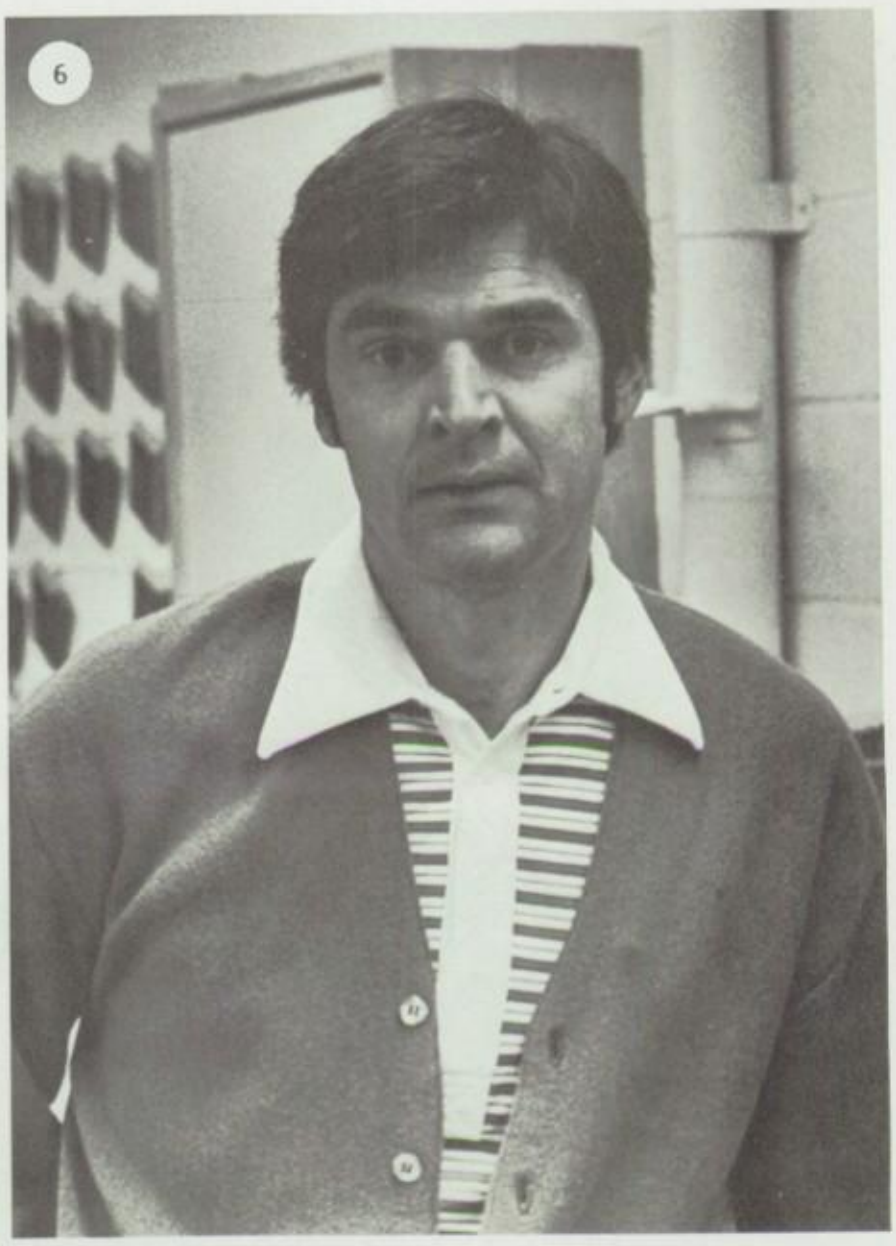
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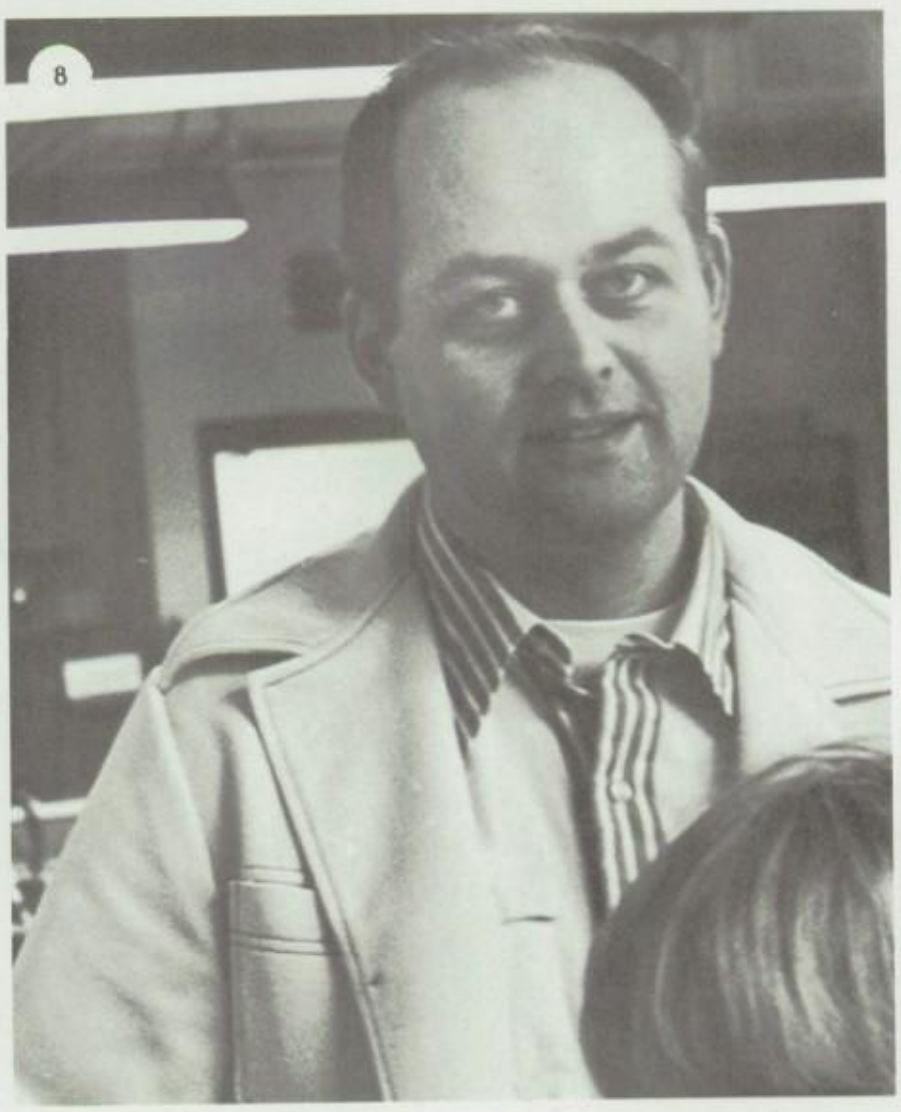
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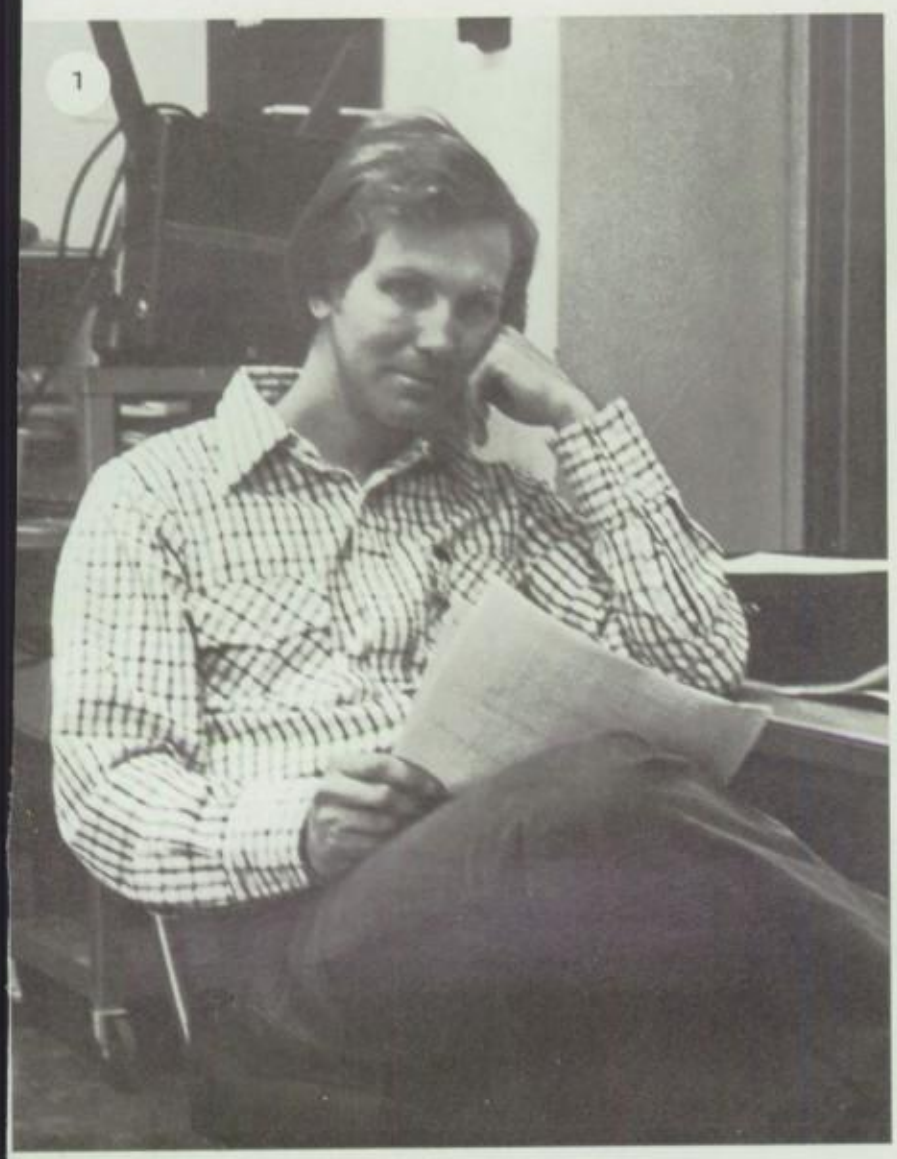
GUYS INCREASE HOMEMAKING KNOWLEDGE

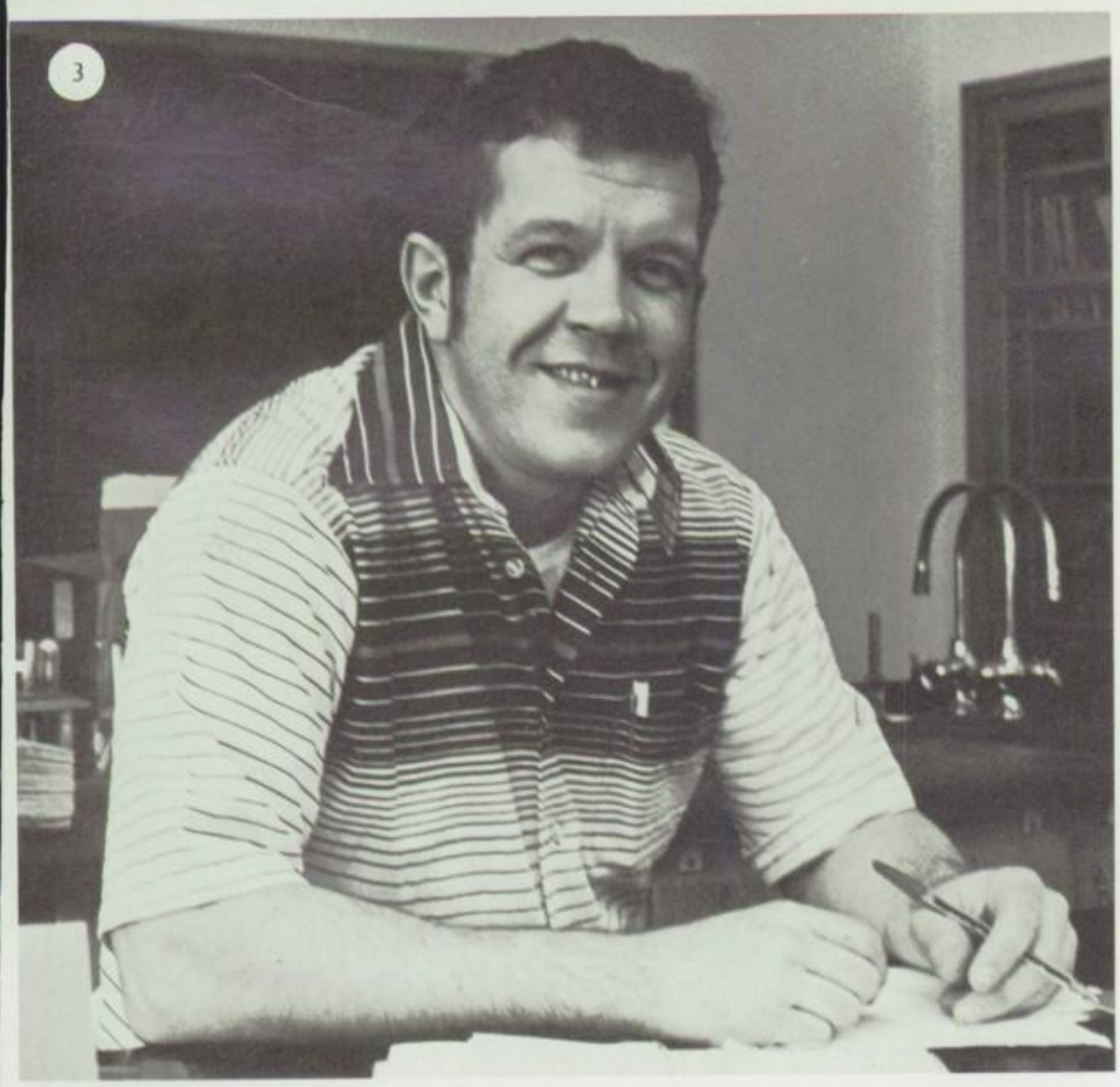
"Male interest has increased a lot," commented Home Ec teacher Mrs. Adeline Riha. "It's good, though, because they need exposure to household work with our changing society."

Mrs. Riha, a six-year veteran, taught Foods, Consumer Management and Interior Design. In beginning courses, the students learned to produce such items as cookies, cakes and pies, while the advanced foods course went into gourmet and foreign dishes, and economy shopping. Consumer Management helped students develop a positive attitude toward money and gave them some "how to's" in budgeting, checking accounts and credit.

New to West this year was Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, who taught Child Development, Family Living and Interior Design. Pre-natal to age 12 growth was the topic of Child Development. Family Living offered options on crisis situations such as aging, divorce, the first child and money-handling.

•1 Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, Home Economics teacher. •2 Making a cake is almost as much fun as eating it. •3 Home Ec teacher Mrs. Adeline Riha.



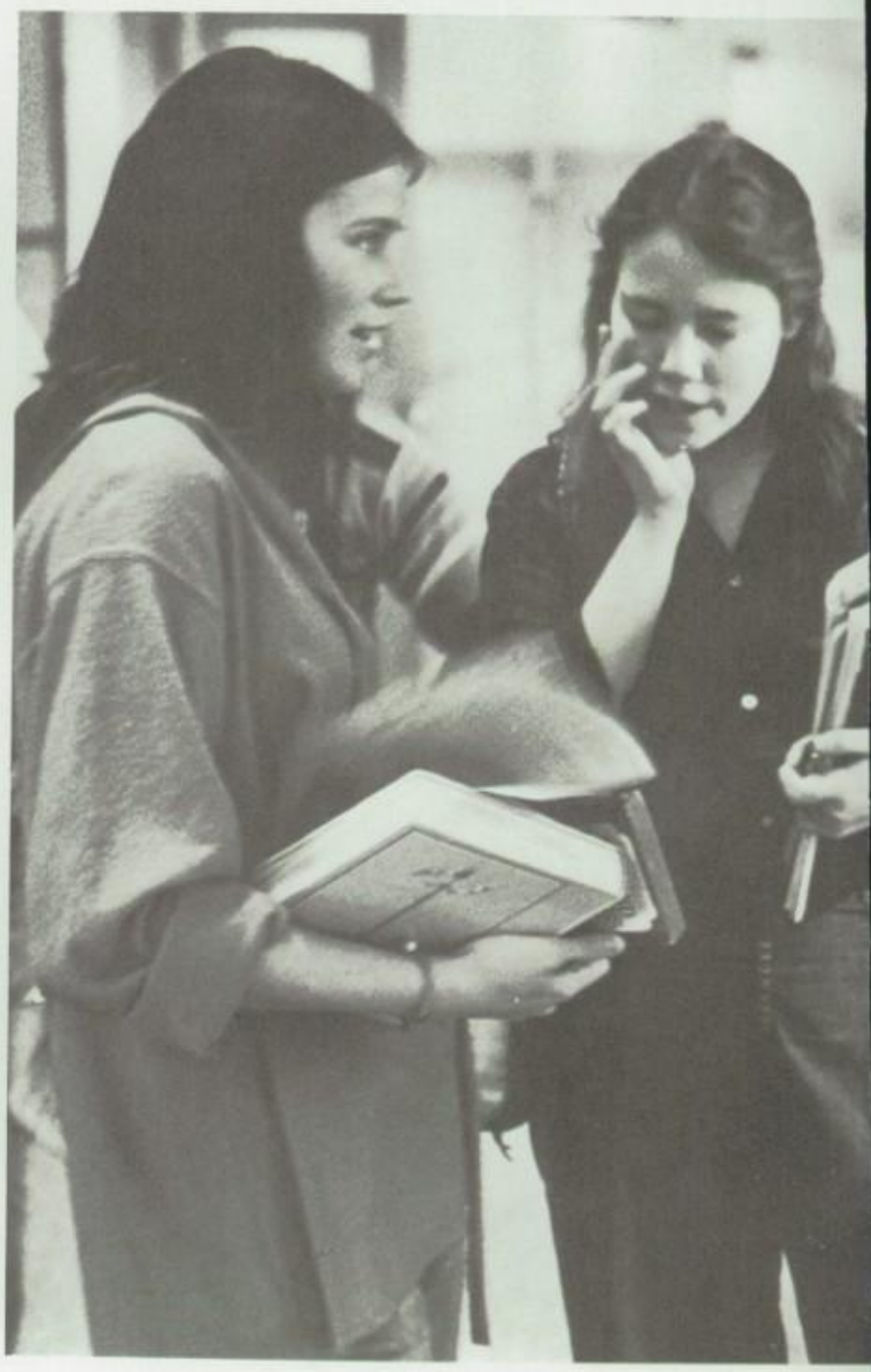


CPR UNIT

A new CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) unit was added to the Health curriculum. According to Health teacher Roger Hanson, students learned quickly. The new unit received strong emphasis.

Another addition was Mrs. Dorothy Evans. Mrs. Evans, a former student teacher at West, began part-time teaching.

•1 Health teacher George Flad. •2 Mrs. Dorothy Evans, a new teacher at West. •3 Roger Hanson.



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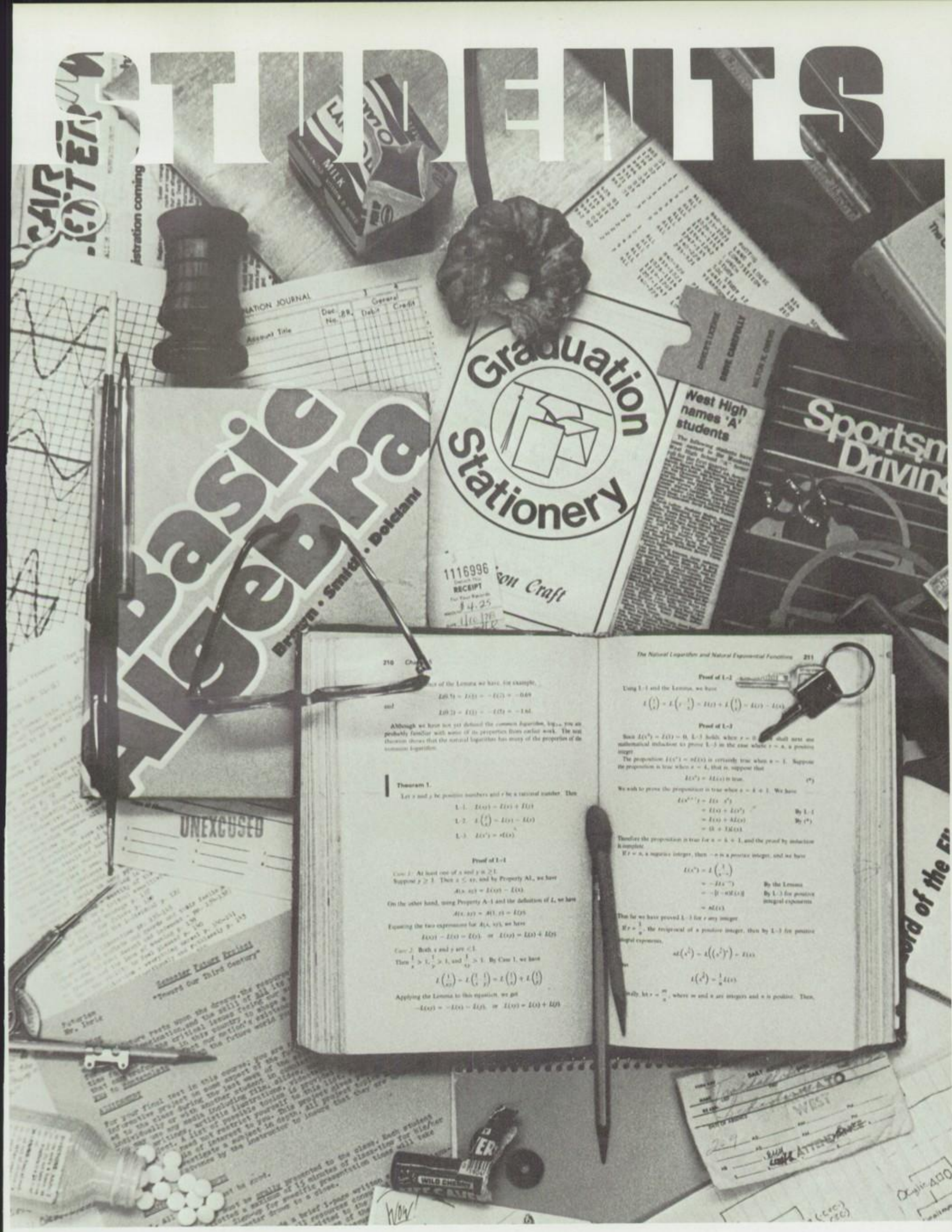
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West High names 'A' students
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Driving
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Semester Future Project
"Touring Our Third Century"
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ATTENDANCE

The class of '78, at 323, proved it was on top by its yell, "Number one is how we rate, we're the class of 7-8."

Leaving high school to some means leaving memories of crowded halls, classrooms, teachers and friends. After finally making it to the top, the senior class now confronts its own challenge to start over as college freshmen or venture into another area. Senior class officers Brad Stark, president; Lori Arndt, vice president; Cindy Fitterer, treasurer, and Sarah LaBrec, secretary.

MADE IT
SENIORS

Martha Aalid

Thomas Adams

Kevin Allen

Sue Amlie

Jon Andersen

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Michael Ash

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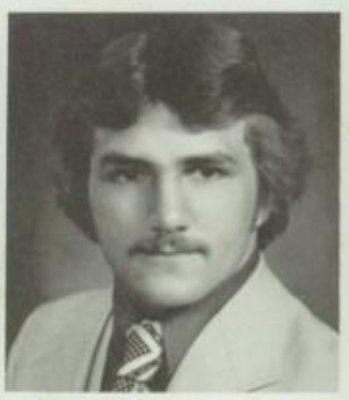

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Carolyn Boldt

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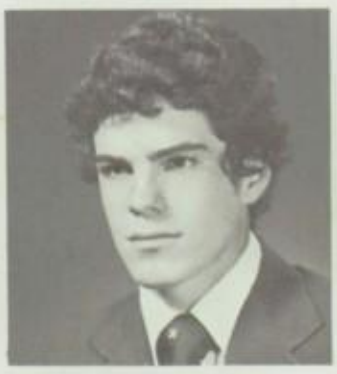

Pickens Buss

Diane Cameron

John Carlson

Becky Cassett

Nan Christensen

Joel Christnagel

Kim Christnagel

Christopher Cluff

Karen Coleman

Brian Coomes

Kimberly Cousins

Joni Cray

Lori Cray

John Crosbie

Michael Curran

Jim Dalton

Gregory Davis

Ann DeGrood

Theresa Dessalet

Rayleen Dingler

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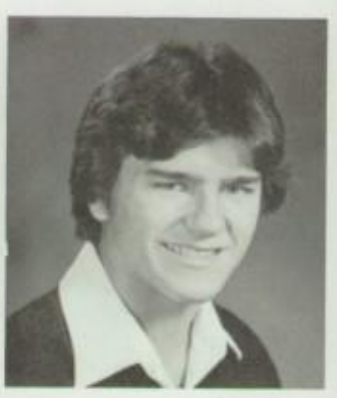
Patricia Eckert

Amy Edwards

Dean Evans

Tim Erickson



James Farm

Roxanne Farnen

Cynthia Fitterer

Anita Flinner

James Forsyth

Pam Fralish

Margaret Frederick

Sue Freeman

Joey Freyberg

Ken Friedrichs

Jayne Ganske

Robyn Gappa

Jay Gauthier

Elizabeth Gerk

Matt Getta

Carl Gieser

Brian Goettl

William Goettlicher

Jennifer Graif

Christine Griebel

Evan Griffiths

Monique Gruter

Julie Guentzel

Naomi Hansen

Mary Hartwell

Jane Hartwig

Robert Harvey

Ronald Hauser

Sheri Hauser

Carolyn Hayes

Keith Hegg

Tim Heiser

Shery Helget

Angela Heller

Brady Hendley

Dave Henney

Jeff Henry

Barb Hewitt

Scott Hickok

Jay Hiller

Bonnie Hiniker

Mary Hiniker

Jennifer Hinkle

Kurt Hoffman

Lisa Hoffman

Keith Hohenstein

Lisa Holland

Susan Hooge

Alec Hovick

Greg Hughes

Lori Hybertson

Fred Inman

Steve Isakson

Randy Isenberg

Mary Joerg

Keith Johnson

Kristin Johnson

Lori Johnson

Todd Johnson

Jamey Jones

Jeff Judas

Michael Kalpiers

Antoinette Kamper

Kristi Keller

Bradley Kelley

Julie Keltgen

Kurt Klaustermeier

John Klingel

Lindsey Knauer

Elisabeth Knall

David Knudson

Lisa Koenig

Bernard Kozitza

David Krabbenhoft

Pamela Kruse

Kelly Kuhle

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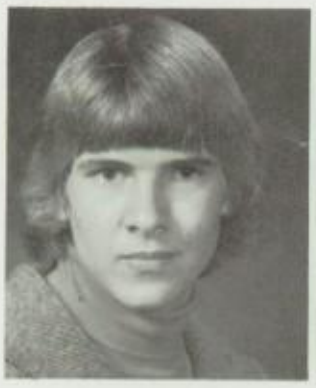
William LeDuc

Kristine Lee



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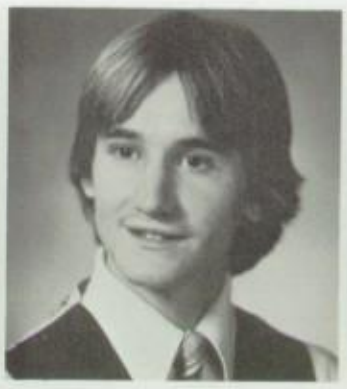

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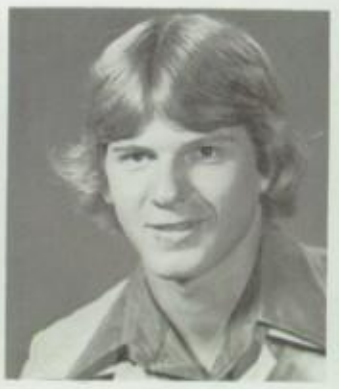

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Patricia Mack

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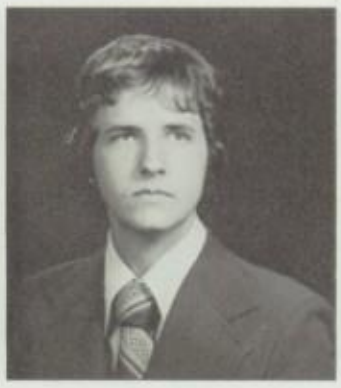

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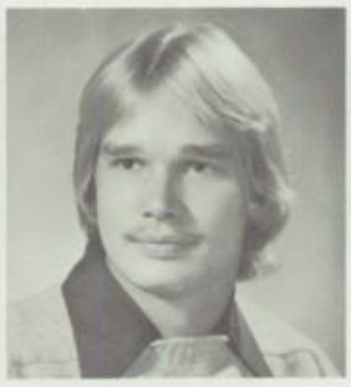

Timothy Miller

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Robert Mock

Tim Montgomery

Lori Mork

Gregory Morris

Constance Mueller

Donna Mueller

Taylor Murphy

Melissa Nagel

David Nelson

Julie Nelson

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Kristin Nett

Tom Neubert

Brian Nordby

Ricky Oachs

Patrick Oberle

Erin O'Brien

Kathleen Ochsner

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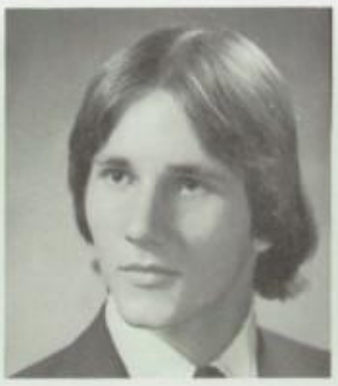

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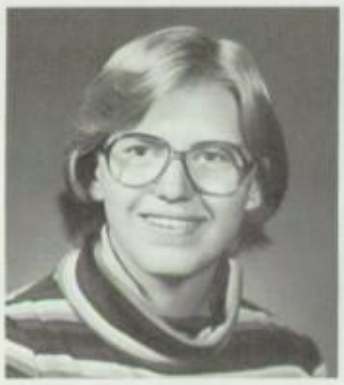

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Carl Putze

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Ron Richter

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John Roberts

Dayton Rodvik

John Romberg

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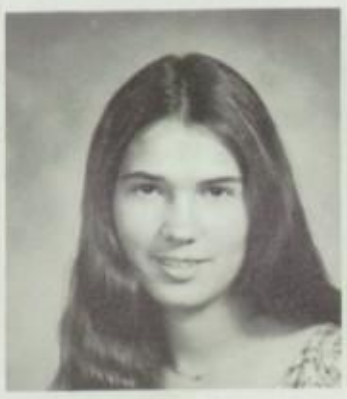

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Cindy Senska

Greg Severson

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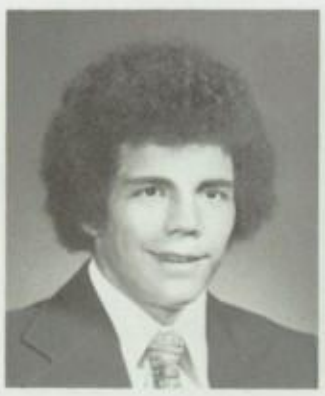

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Cindy Taylor

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Michael Thom

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Thomas Turmelle

Kari Turtle

John Urban

Patricia Varuska

Pat Vaubel

Jill Vogel

Ruth Vogel

Glen Voss

Jim Wagner

Tim Watts

Tom Weber

Russell Weingartz

Karen Weisz

Bryan Wendland

William Whitmore

Greg Williams

Laurie Williams

Mark Willodson

Heidi Winter

James Wittmers

Louis Wittrock

Debbie Workman

Beverly Young

Greg Zeno

Gary Zernechel

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Boone Harmer
Tammy Haslip
Rick Hoffman
Terry Holzinger
Steve Kitsis
Mike Kramer
Heidi Lerud
Allen Nutting
Brian Olson
David Pecholt
Denise Premeau
Ron Peters
Tim Possin
Allison Schuster
Carol Snow
Lynn Storlie
Larry Tolle
Tim Volk
Glen Voss
Mark Weimert
Meta Wohlrabe
Janet Yetter

Finally upperclassmen, the juniors faced many areas in their new position. Admission to the lunchroom for study hall, PSAT tests, class rings, prom committee positions and sport captaincies to assume in their senior year — all were a part of their new privileges.

The smallest class consisted of 319 students, which proved to be strong with the yell, "We're mighty great, we're mighty fine, we're the class of 7-9."

Junior class officers were Steve Lagerquist, treasurer; Bill Schimmel, president; Barb Loaney, secretary, and Kathy Stark, vice president.

GETTING THERE

JUNIORS

Joel Abernathy
Julie Adamson
David Alderson
Debra Allen
Steve Allen
Lynn Amlie
Carmelle Anderson

Dan Anderson
Jayne Anderson
Linus Anderson
Lisa Anderson
Ray Anderson
Robert Anderson
Tracy Anderson

Kelly Andrews
Scott Ashley
Diane Aufderhar
Douglas Austad
Todd Bachman
Wayne Balbach
Joan Barta

Sheila Beaver
Jean Becker
Jeffrey Becker
Kathleen Berens
Joy Berg
Mike Bertrand
Jeff Bielen

John Biewen
Twyla Bjorklund
Lorrie Black
Terri Blaness
Monique Blom
Carl Bock
Scott Bodelson

Timothy Bolton
Paul Borchardt
Kevin Briggs
James Browne
Robert Browne
Renden Bruner
David Bruns

Greg Buck
Lisa Bullard
Raymond Buske
Cal Cammack
Ronald Carlberg
David Cattrysse
Cynthia Christenson

Elizabeth Corbey
Kris Crocker
Dawn Dallmann
Randy Dallman
Randy Dalluge
Latitia D'Antoni
Don Darling

Cynthia Davidson
Mark Davis
Vicki Davis
Dave Dehning
Bryan Denzel
Gloria DeSantiago
Mitchell Dickhoff

Kimberly Dillon
Steve DiMeglio
Gary Dubke
Darlene Dugan
Lynn Duncanson
Julie Dunlop
Thomas Dunn

Carrie Eggert
Elizabeth Ekstam
Mark Engelen
Erik Erie
Anne Etzell
Joseph Farnen
James Flanagan

Janelle Fossen
Susan Foster
Dale Freundl
Richard Friederichs
Mark Fuller
Robert Gazzola
Christi Gereau

John Gieser
Diana Gish
Thomas Gohla
Michael Green
Cynthia Griebel
Scott Griebel
Kimberly Griffin

Cheryl Grothe
Todd Gruenhagen
Vicki Guentzel
Karen Gulbransen
Sheila Guthrie
Mary Hackett
Tim Hage

Joel Hanneman
Michael Hanson
Darin Haslip
Geoffrey Haugen
Heidi Held
Mary Heminover
LaDon Henderson

Julie Hennek
Brad Herbst
Randy Hermanson

Michael Hickey
Sharon Hinton
Brian Hoffman

Duane Hofmeister
Julie Holland
David Hollenbeck

Thomas Holmgren
Julie Jacobson
Karen Janda
Laurie Janssen
Kevin Johnson
Randall Johnson
Suzanne Johnson

Steve Juhlin
Bryan Just
Robert Kalin
Konnie Karau
Paul Karpinsky
David Karson
Mike Karson

Kent Keckeisen
Vicki Keller
Sharon Kenne
Susan Klar
Karen Knowlton
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Craig Kurth
Jeffrey LaBrec
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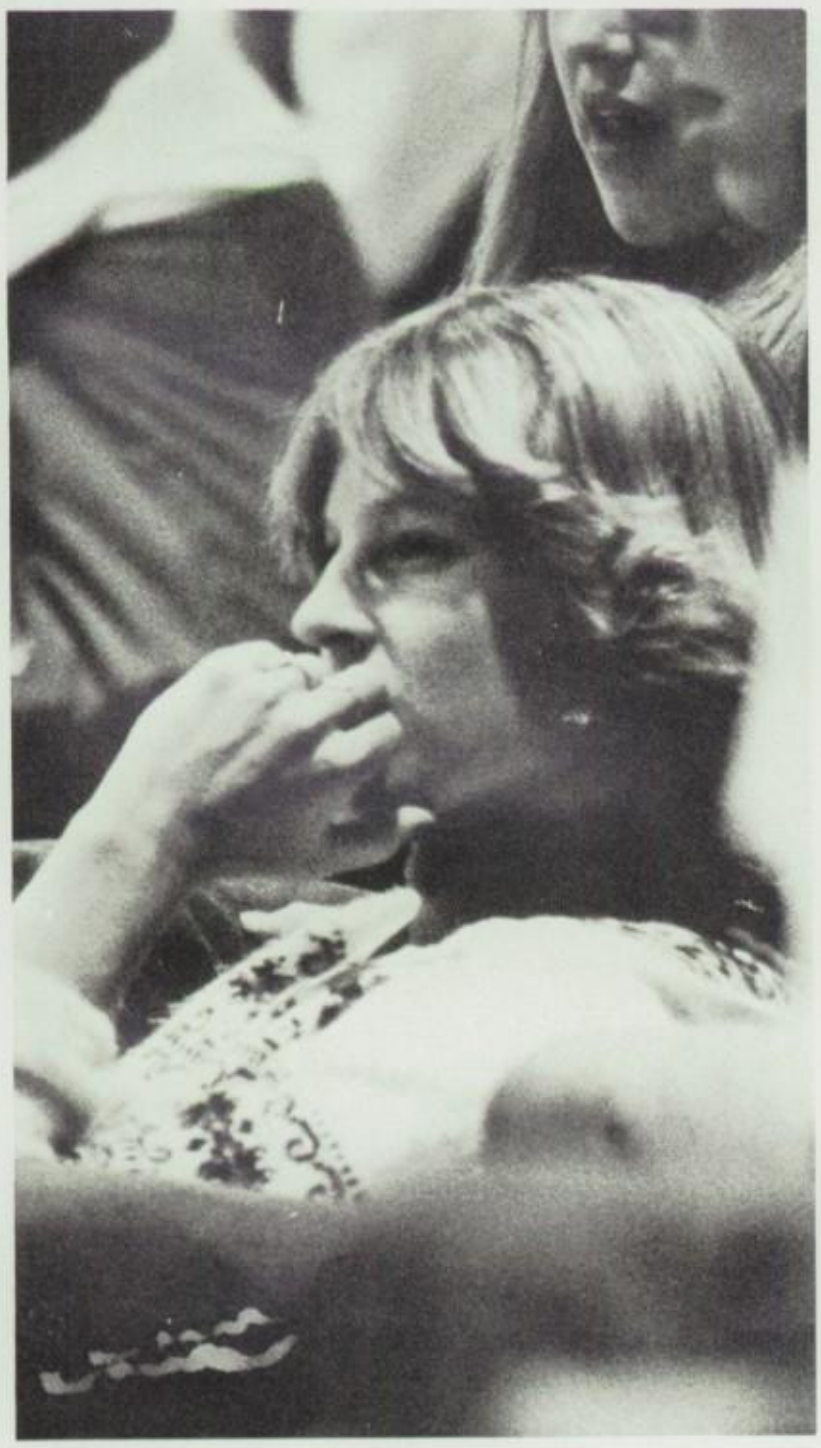

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Kelly Lease

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Connie Lieske
Ron Lindberg

Leah Lindeen
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Barbara Loaney

Tom Loveall
Karen Lueck
Milan Luedtke

Kirk Marble
Richard Marti
Chris Maslowski
Dennis Mata
Marcia McConville
Robert McDonald
David McVenes

Michael Mead
Nancy Michels
William Mickelson
Jill Miller
Barbara Minkel
Lewis Mordue
Cheryl Morgan

Dana Mosel
Kristin Moses
Kim Movick
Brian Mundahl
Nancy Mutzke
Jeffrey Nadeau
Craig Narum

Frederick Nelson
Jeff Nelson
Nancy Neubert
Robert Nordby
Randy Norland
Mary Nothwehr
Allan Oachs

Annette Oachs
Steve O'Brien
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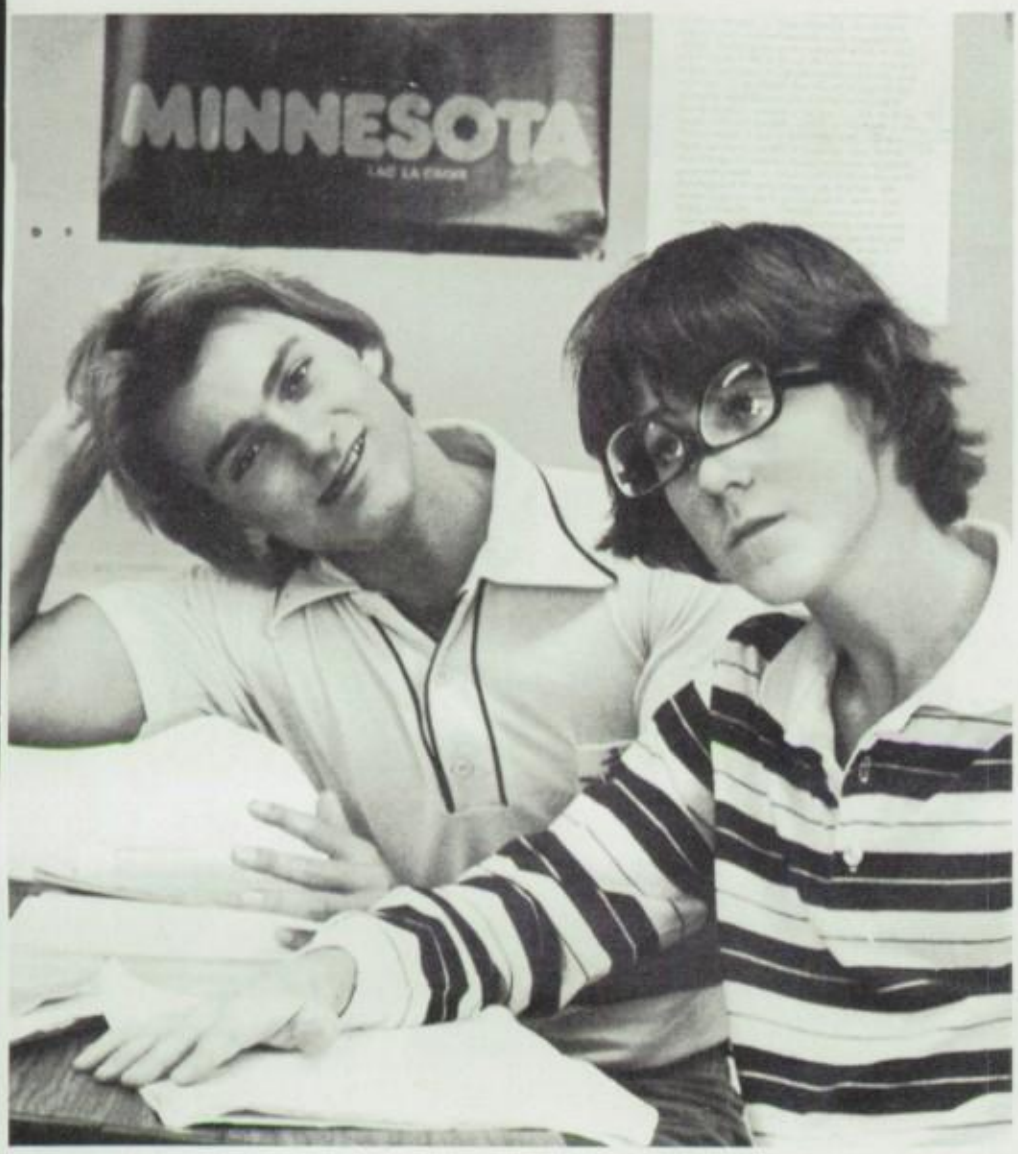

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Elizabeth Rabine
Dwight Radel
Robin Rader
Ronald Rauchman

Pamela Reedstrom
Robert Reeves
Danny Rengstorf
Joan Riordan
Daniel Robb
Lisa Roberts
Peggy Roberts

Cynthia Rodriguez
Michael Roozen
Dennis Rosin
Cheryl Rossow
Robert Ryg
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Donald Schlueter

Susan Schmidt
Kathleen Schmit
William Schneier
Pamela Schroeder
Kim Schultz
Julie Schulze
Katie Scott

Sandra Scott
Thomas Seigfreid
Thomas Senesac
Tim Senesac
Sheri Senska
Nick Severson
Colleen Shea

Doug Sherwood
Douglas Silge
Ann Simonson
Brian Smith
Parker Smith
Wanda Smith
Donald Sofchalk

Terese Sontag
Ann Sponberg
Denise Staley
Sherrie Staley
Kathryn Stark
Richard Steinberg
Jason Stelzer

Jolene Stenberg
Anthony Stephas
Linda Stoll

Debra Strusz
Sheri Sullivan
Michelle Swanson

Kelly Tate
Susan Tenney
Linda Teschner

Brian Theissen
Steve Theissen
Dale Thisius
Bruce Thomas
James Thomas
Teresa Thomas
Lisa Thompson

Pat Toegel
Todd Trautman
Brad Tvedt
Veronica Valliant
Scott Van Krevelen
Jay Vogel
Louis Vogel

Todd Vogel
Jim Wall
Teresa Ward
Carrie Warneke
Gary Waters
Allan Watts
Alan Weingartz

Raymond Weingartz
Tom Weingartz
Warren Wells
Scott Wendt
Jeffery Wersal
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Bradley Willodson

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Cynthia Zupfer

Sandy Willmott

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Lori Antonson
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Joseph Bohrer
Jerome Brogger
Jennifer Brose
Randy Burger
Robert Fetter
Bryan Friesen
Tammy Harroun
Mary James
Daniel Jones
Michael Kaderlik
Loren Kirkman
Kris Kittlesen
Jolene Ladsten
Jeff Lane
Jeffrey Liljander
Peter Lyons
Blaine Michel
Mike Murphy
Georgia Nielsen
Nancy Nygaard
Cindy Petrie
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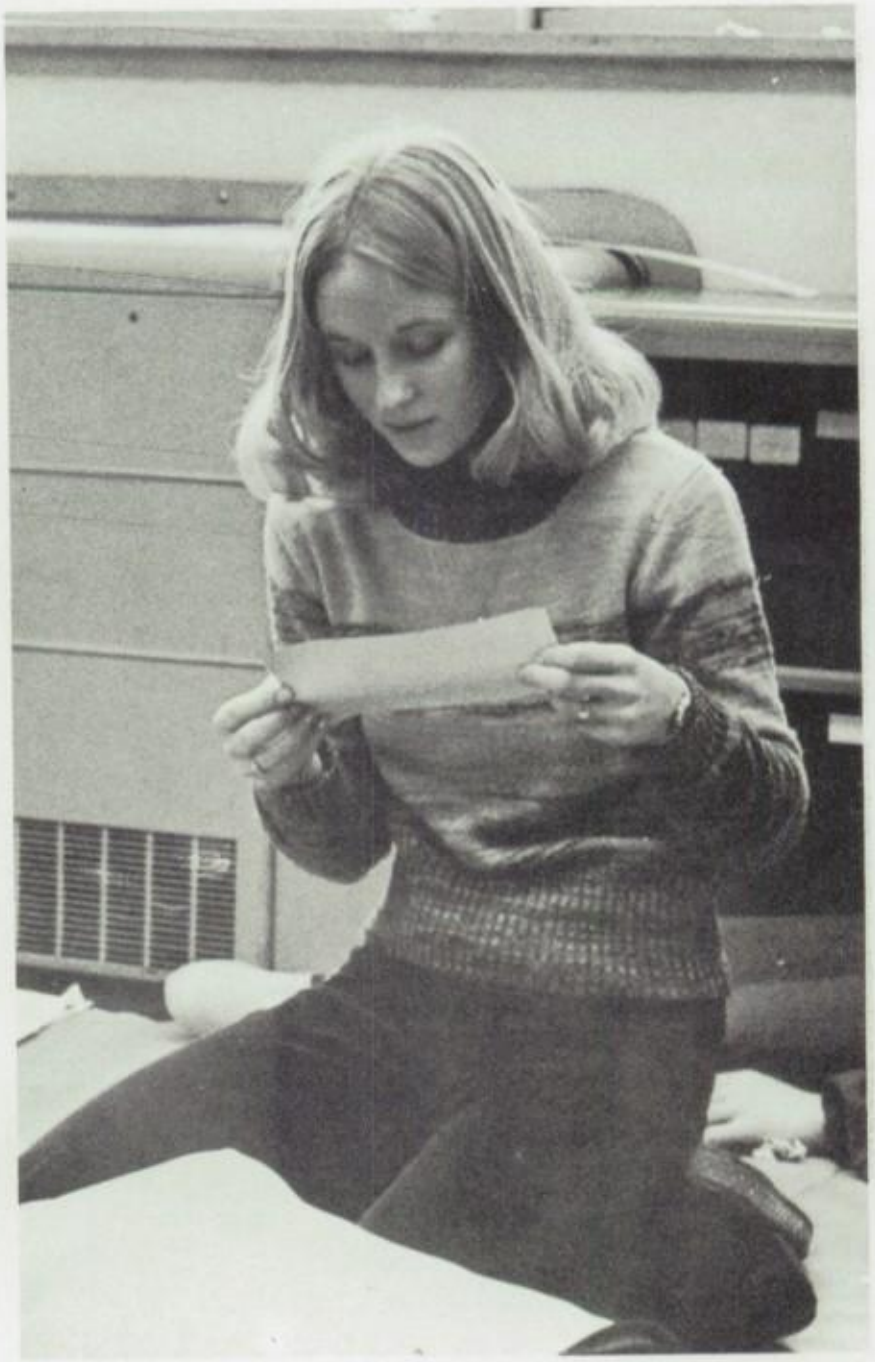

No longer the youngest class, the sophomores felt more a part of West and were more involved in school activities. As the year went by, more and more sophomores could be seen driving around Friday and Saturday nights, thanks to their newly-acquired licenses.

The sophomores, at 333, unified under their yell, "We're on the move, we're on the go, we're the class of 8-0."

Sophomore class officers were Joe Michaletz, president; Jane DeGrood, treasurer; Paul Krabbenhoft, vice-president and Cindy Adamson, secretary.

A LITTLE CLOSER

SOPHOMORES

Cynthia Adamson
Mary Anderson
Rita Anderson
Mike Anton
Robert Arndt
Gail Ash
Michele Aspelund

Janice Bailey
Suzanne Bair
David Barnes
Marty Bassett
Kelly Bastien
John Bell
William Benning

Casey Berens
Joe Berg
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Lisa Bodelson
Helen Bohm

Sandra Bolton
Erin Boye
Daniel Braam
Kris Brennan
Douglas Broughton
Ann Bruce
Julie Bublitz

Susan Burger
Susan Buske
Mark Buss
Shawn Campa
Judith Carlberg
Thor Carlson
Jerry Carpenter

Diana Cattrysse
John Cattrysse
Lori Cheney
Ronda Christ
Karla Christensen
Lori Christnagel
Stephen Cluff

Jeff Connelly
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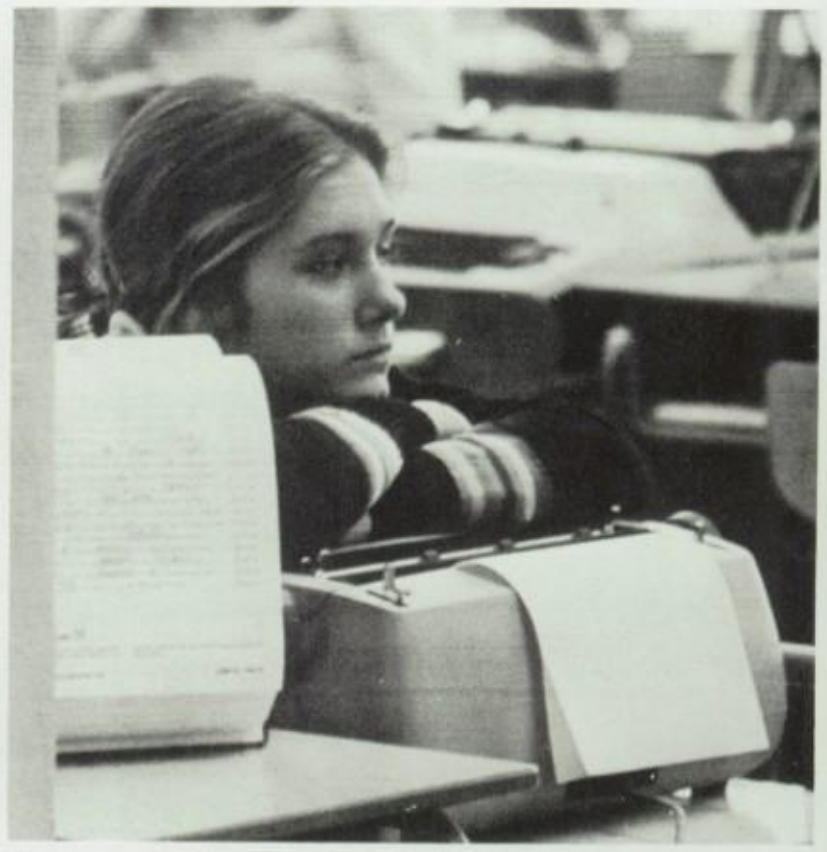

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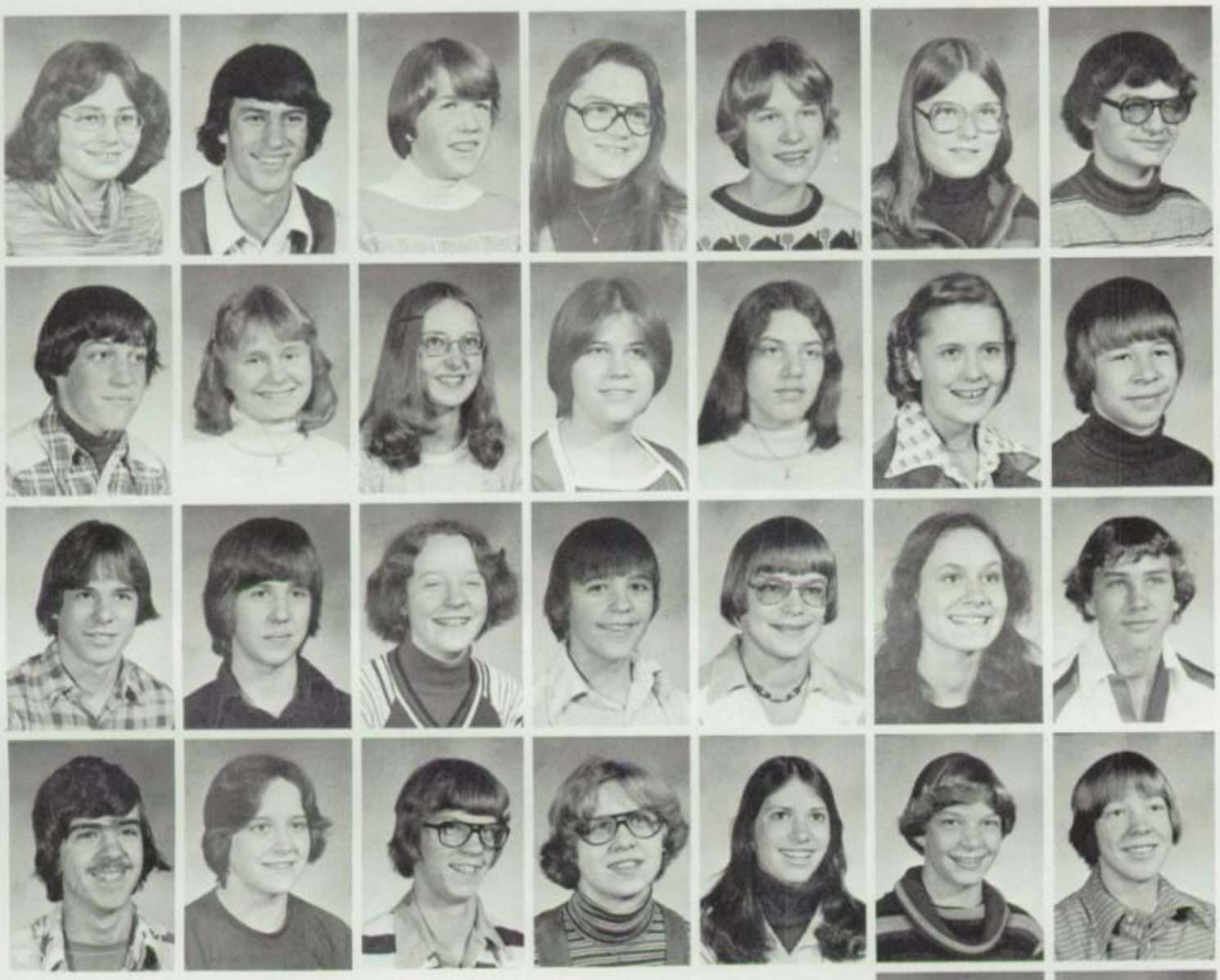

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Daniel Reeves
Rich Reisenbigler
Ross Richter
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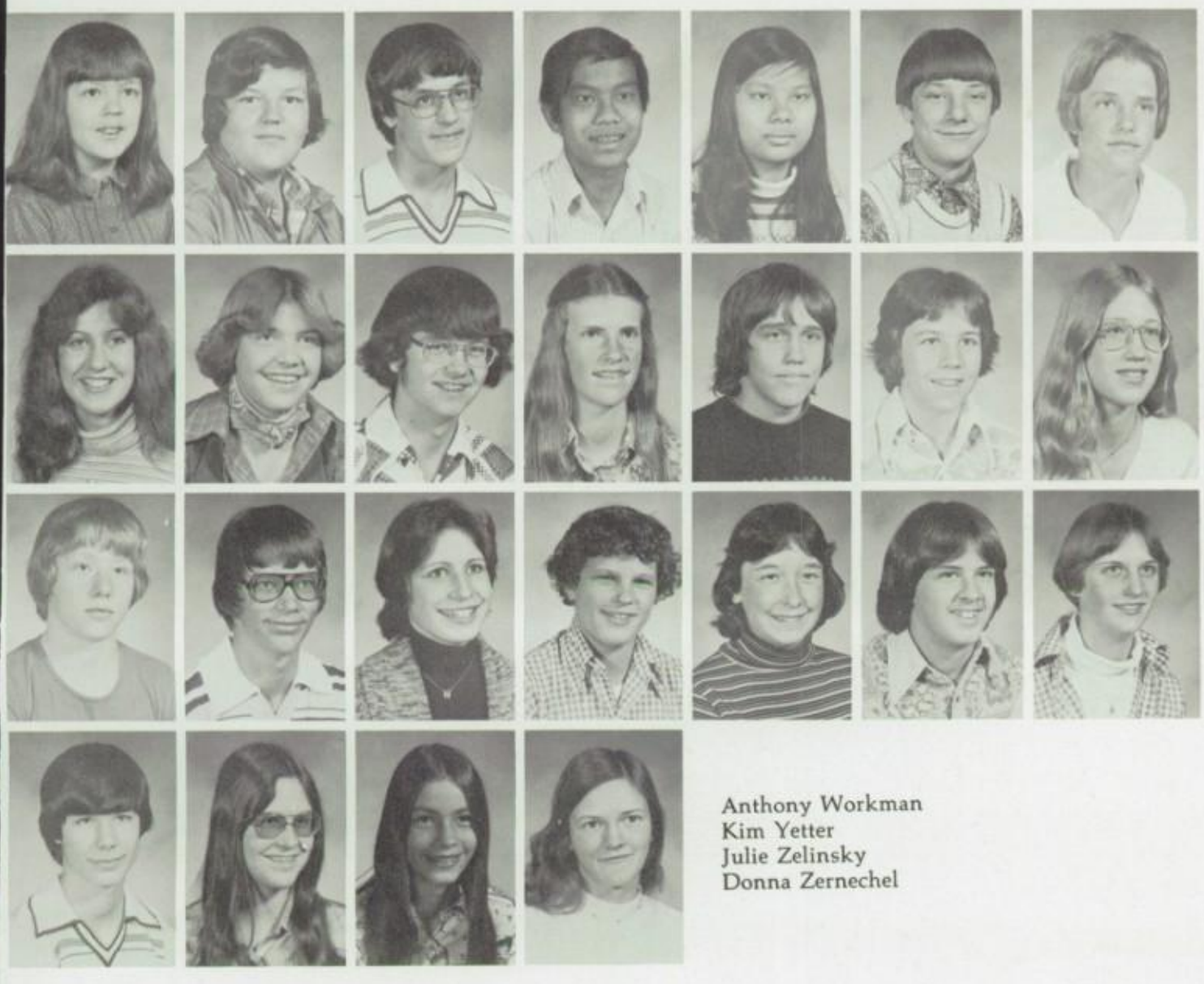

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Julie Wendt

Jeffrey Wild
Jon Wilking
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Dennis Rader
Dennis Rosin
Paul Seykora
Kathy Stevens
Charlie Thomas
Scott Tilley
Kevin Wandersee
Michael Wendland
Patty Whitmore
Shawn Youell
Stan Young

The freshmen weren't given many opportunities to show their spirit this year as pepfests were few, and, amid the usual confusion that frosh experience, confusion of construction in the library and resource centers was added:

The ninth graders adapted well, taking part in many school activities, such as Yell Club, and Student Council, although class officers were not elected this year. The largest class at West, 361 strong, made its identity with the yell "Better than all, topped by none, we're the class of 8-1."

STARTING OUT
FRESHMEN

Tim Abdo
Karen Allen
Roberta Allen
David Anderson
Douglas Anderson
Jill Anderson

Kelly Anderson
Steve Anderson
Mary Anton
Craig Ash
Arthur Aufderhar
Rachel Austad
Elizabeth Bassett

Mark Baumann
Theodore Beaver
James Berens
Karen Berg
Staci Berkner
Bob Beyer
Scott Biehn

Todd Biewen
Mark Bigham
Terry Birr
Mary Bjorklund
Michelle Black
Jeff Blaness
Michael Blanshan

Wendy Blethen
Andrea Booher
Jeanne Borchardt
Deborah Bowen
Denise Bowen
Ronald Boyum
Timothy Braam

Sarah Brady
David Brandt
Candice Braun
Troy Briar
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David Bublitz
Gail Buckholz

Michael Buggert
Daniel Bullard
Kurt Burdick
David Burger
Dawn Buskovick
Abby Butzer
Chris Butzer

Michelle Carroll
Barbara Cattrysse
Theresa Charlton
Carmi Chevalier
Karla Christianson
Jeff Christopher
Lisa Clyne

Mary Connelly
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Timothy Dalluge
Joanne Dalton
Jeff Danish

Danell Davidson
Dina Davis
Jon Davis
Julie Dean
Anne Delesha
Valerie Deschene
Dan Deuser

Timothy Dhoore
Jim Dirckx
Stephen Donnelly
Julie Dorn
Scott Dumdei
John Dunlop
Ronald Eccles

Joseph Eckert
James Edwards
Brian Eggersdorfer
Lisa Eisenbeis
Bonnie Elias
John Elliott
Bruce Engelen

Jim Erickson
Mike Evans
Zella Finch
Mary Fitterer
Christy Fleck
Deb Fleischman
Margaret Fleischman

Pamela Fletcher
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Carrie Forrey
Mary Frank
Molly Frederick
David Friederichs
David Fritz

Chris Frost
Mark Fuller
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Jeanne Gaarder
Julie Gallup
Mike Gardner
Linda Gazzola

Jill Geckler
Paul Genelin
Jeff George
Teri George
Ralph Gerk
Nathan Getta
Marina Gieser

Bruce Grausam
Paula Green
Patrick Griffiths
Donna Grothe
Patrick Guentzel
Laura Guthrie
Mark Hage

Judi Hanneman
Dan Hansen
Steven Hansen
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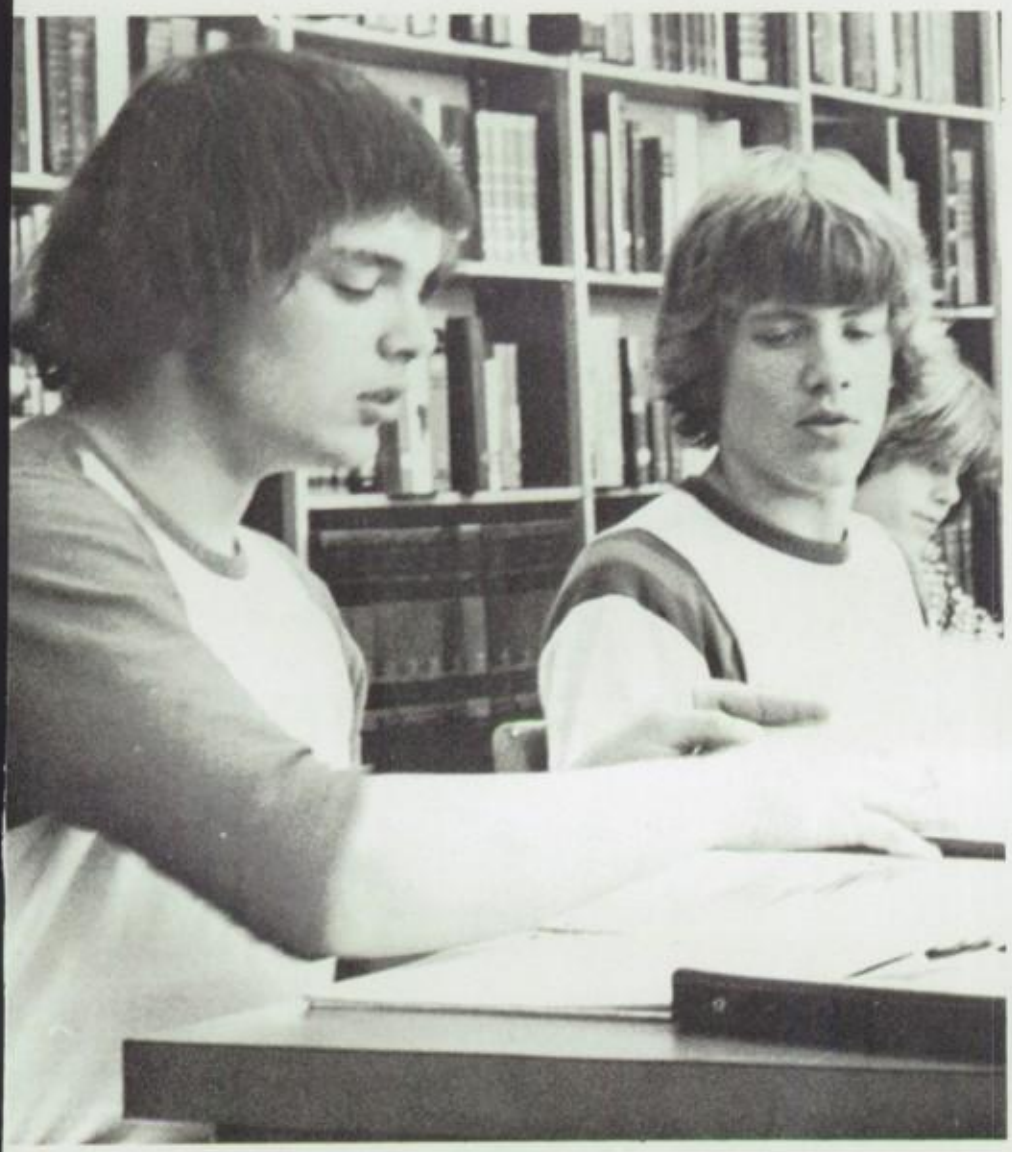

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Mitchell Humphrey
Brooks Hybertson
Merrali Janssen
Karen Johnson

Michael Karpinsky
Sharon Kasner
Theresa Keltgen
Steven Kenne
Tom Kern
Jeff Klint
Scott Knauer

Kevin Kosberg
Robert Kozitza
Todd Kranz
Kandace Krause
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Kris Kusy

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Brenda Lade
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Stephanie Sanders
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Dwight Solander

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Dave Vigness
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Landis Woods
Lori Worden
Lisa Yezzi

Amy Young

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Greg Arndt
Perry Braam
Lynne Germundson
Mike Henke
Mike Howard
Sheldon Johnson
Martha McMurtry
Mark Michel
Marsha O'Brien
Kathy Ogan
Mark Postma
Todd Schull
Lori Schultz
Dale Sieberg
Paul Volk
Mary Willmont
Thomas Wittrock
Greg Zernechel

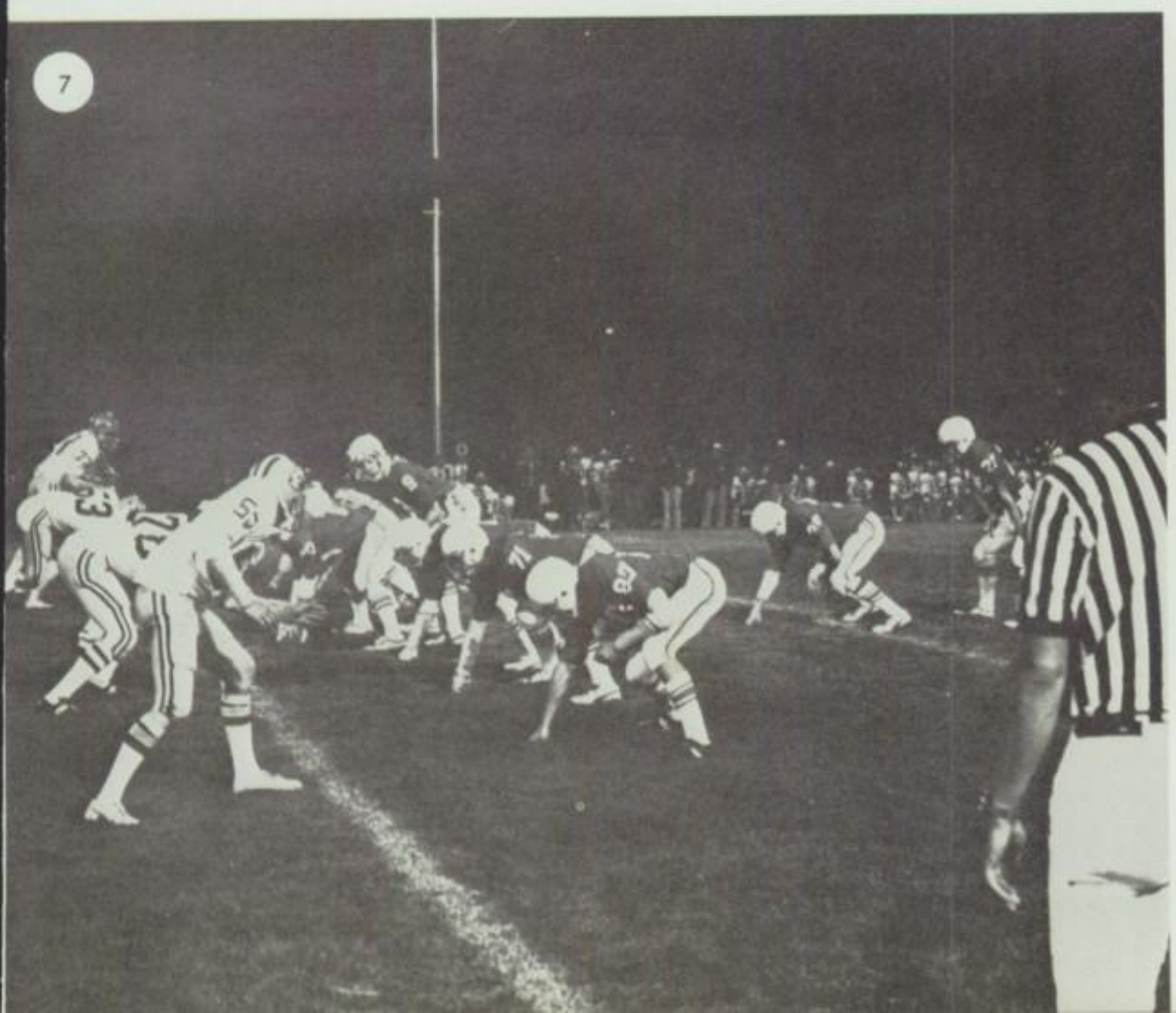
EVENTS

TEAM
SHINE
NG '77
Bazooka
Zantigo
WILLIAM E. McEUEN
"LET'S GET SMALL"
Fisher
SUNFLOWER SEEDS
SALTED IN THE SHELL
10¢
A&W
ROOT BEER
12 FL OZS.
SCARLET TARGET
MWHS
Mankato

• 1 1977 Homecoming Royalty. • 2 East Yell Club Rep. Al Peterson presents West's queen with bouquet of roses. Looking on are Student Council President John Klingel, Principal Don Ruble, Yell Club President Tony Miller, Vern Lundin, Class of '27; and John Rose, Class of '52. • 3 Miss JoAnne Ballou and crownbearer Meigan Barnett. • 4 1977 escorts: Joe Butzer, Mark Willodson, Keith Hegg, Dave Krabbenhoft and Brad Stark. • 5 Queen Meigan and the candidates: Barb Lawrence, Dawn Baringer, Kristi Keller, Sarah LaBrec and Roxy Farnen. • 6 1977 Homecoming Queen Dawn Baringer.

QUEEN DAWN

• 1 Scarlet quarterbacks Dave Latzke and Tony Miller contemplate the game's outcome. • 2 Float entry, "Scarlet Fried Falcons!" • 3 Mankato West band led by drum major Jeff Judas. • 4 The football team's entry in the Homecoming parade. • 5 CRUNCH! • 6 The cheerleaders fire up the crowd. • 7 The Scarlets on the move. • 8 The football squad has an uncanny sense of balance.



DON'T RAIN ON MY PARADE

Rain and gray skies marked the 50th annual Homecoming at West. Homecoming Queen Dawn Baringer reigned over the two-day festivities which saw the return of the classes of '27 and '52.

The parade and game were postponed until Monday due to heavy rains. The parade followed its usual route and had a wide variety of conventional floats, including the winning entry, "Give the Falcons a Fair-bolt!" by homeroom 302.

Despite postponement of the parade and game, the dance was held Friday night as originally planned. "Hand Picked" provided entertainment for the evening.

The Faribault Falcons, as signified by the homecoming slogan, were "The Scarlet Target" in the highly-spirited football game. However, bizarre injuries plagued the game, and West lost 19-2. The activities left students, faculty and alumni with a unique and memorable homecoming.

'THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH'

Director ..... Joel Hoiland

Assistant Director ..... Jean Jirak

Assistant Director ..... Jay Ketterer

Student Director ..... Sarah LaBrec

CAST

Sabina ..... Kris Pfau

Mr. Fitzpatrick ..... Jeff Judas

Mrs. Antrobus ..... Laurie Shaffer

Dinosaur ..... Bob Heller

Mammoth ..... Jenna Ruble

Telegraph Boy ..... Mike Laramee

Gladys ..... Barb Coomes

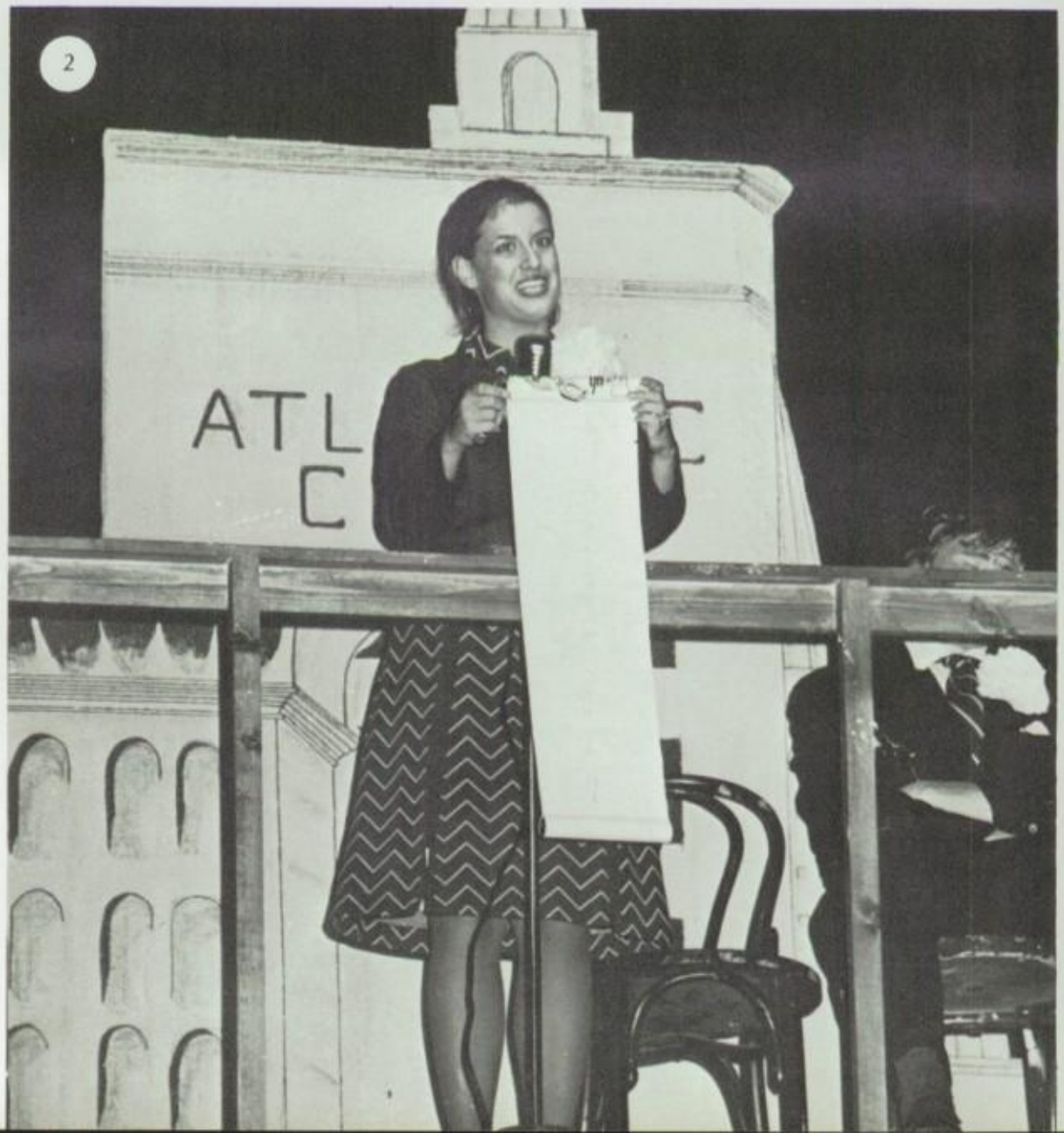
Henry ..... Mark Lewis

Mr. Antrobus ..... Keith Landsteiner

Fortune Teller ..... Cheri Rossow

Mankato's West's 1977 fall production, "The Skin of Our Teeth," under the direction of Joel Hoiland, provided its audience with a comical, yet unusual, play.

It centered around the Antrobus family who lived from the Ice Age to the present time by "the skin of their teeth." The play ran for three nights.



•1 Sabina and Mr. Antrobus. •2 Mrs. Antrobus campaigns to the crowd. •3 Do I dare look? •4 Fortune teller Cheri Rossow foreshadows the future. •5 Which way to the beach?

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SNOW WEEK WASHES UP

For the first time in three years, there was Snow Week. Although there was snow, there wasn't much enthusiasm as far as sculptures went. The sophomores were the only class who made a sculpture. "Caught in the middle" was their theme, and they made a "sophmoreo."

Other activities during the week included electing king and queen candidates from each class, volleyball tournaments during lunch hours, the "Dating Game" and a kissing booth with a hot kiss for only a quarter.

•1 Pepfest starting out Snow Week and its activities. •2 Spike it over that net! A game during the volleyball tournament. •3 A kiss for only a quarter, What a deal! •4 MC's for the Dating Game, Bob Gazzola and John Biewen. •5 Dave Loaney whispers to the mike, while Jeanie Fitterer listens. •6 The only snow sculpture made was by the "caught in the middle" sophomore class. •7 Winning king and queen for Snow Week, sophomores Pauline Gauthier and Chris Lyons.

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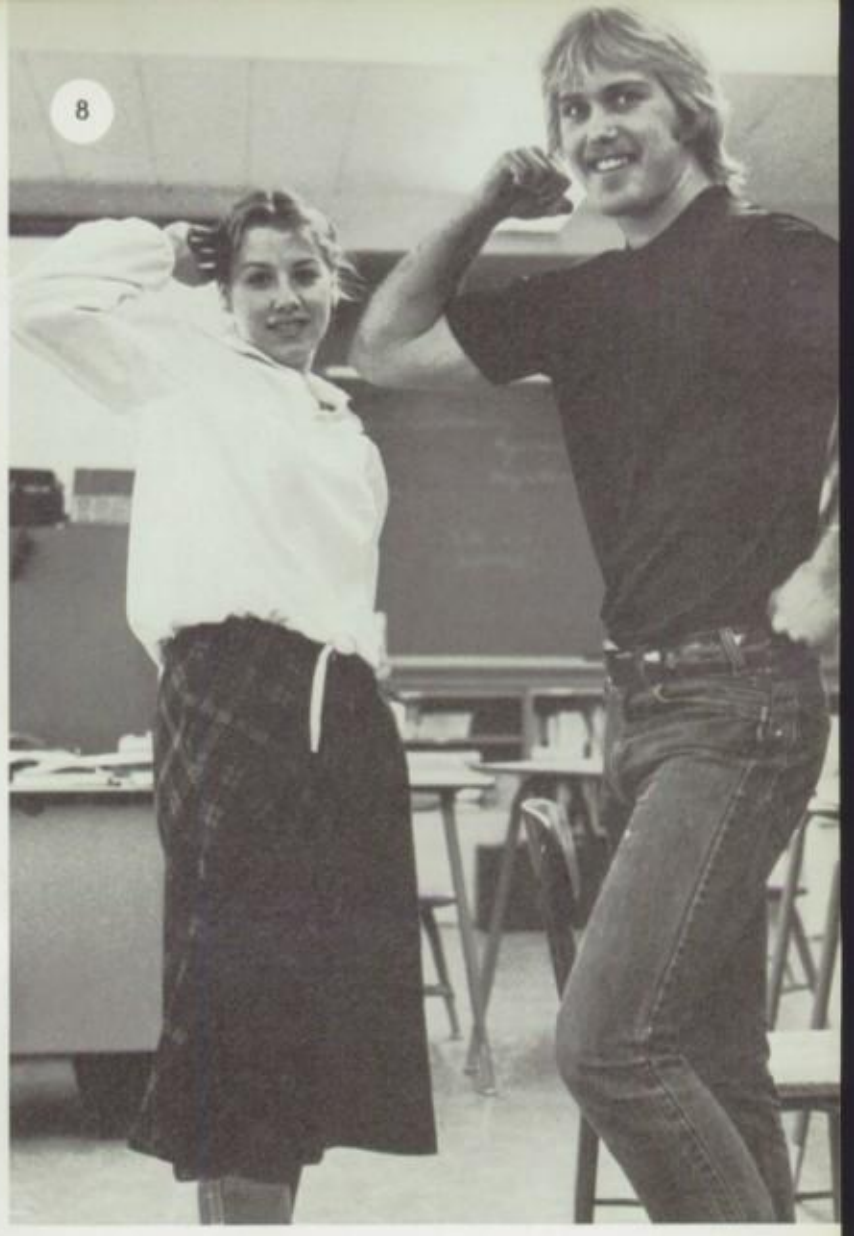

THE ENVELOPE PLEASE . . . AND THE WINNER IS . . .

There always seem to be a few extra pages. We now present the results of our Senior Survey.

Favorite quote of the year (that was printable) was "Nickel, dime!"

•1 Favorite "short people," Paul Schmidt and Erin O'Brien. Favorite tall person, Bill LeDuc (center). •2 Most photogenic, our own "Farrah," Sue Troldahl. •3 "Sara Smile." Nicest smile title goes to Sarah LaBrec. •4 Most spirited, Pat Eckert. •5 Class clowns!? Who else but Joe Butzer and Chris Cluff. •6 Most obnoxious laugh-Dawn Baringer goes at it again. •7 Best jokes were told by Joe Butzer and Tim Watts. •8 Class sex symbols show off — Cindy Senska and Mike Rutjes. •9 John Urban, the life of the party. •10 Scott Hickok and his pal, "Spotta." John Klingel's beater was voted best bomb.

•1 "Chocolate, strawberry or vanilla?," says junior Kim Griffith. •2 Good clean fun with "Derby Dude" Mike Kalpiers. •3 Jodi Skillman, hard at work at Brett's Jackson East. •4 What a pizzaria! — Cal Cammack at Marti's.

PAY DAY FRIDAY

After a busy day at school, many West students continued their eagerness and went to work at their respective jobs.

Several students felt the extra money was really beneficial towards whatever they felt like buying. "Jobs help keep kids off the street," was a remark heard by many adults.

Junior Monique Blom likes her job at Baskin-Robbins. She meets many nice people, and the fringe benefits are really good, she says.

Senior Keith Hegg likes his job at Marti's equally well. He says "My boss is great and the money is good. Besides there is nothing else to do."

•5 Working check out at Madsen's during the Christmas rush is Sue Freeman. •6 Greg Williams runs an embossing press at Carlson Craft. •7 Chief taco stuffer at Taco John's is Kris Pfau. •8 Sara Biewen sells popcorn and goodies during intermission at one of the Carisch Theaters.

MONDAY DREAR TO FRIDAY CHEER

High school life brought those long weeks of work and those Mondays that came one after another. As if Monday wasn't bad enough, students had to go through the rest of the week.

Mornings usually started out with that 6:30 or seven o'clock alarm, which rang what seemed like minutes after you went to sleep. After pulling yourself out of bed and into school, things went pretty routinely. Some spent most of first hour in the office getting a pass to attend classes. Other experiences the week brought were long lines in the lunch room, quizzes, tests and homework, and practice after school and evenings.

Finally, Fridays came around and that 3:21 bell meant freedom for the weekend. Many finally got the chance to hit the parties, while some cheered at football or basketball games. Some spent their days sleeping, while others spent them skiing out at Mount Kato. Other activities included playing poker, listening to music, seeing your girl or guy, watching "Saturday Night Live," or just plain relaxing.

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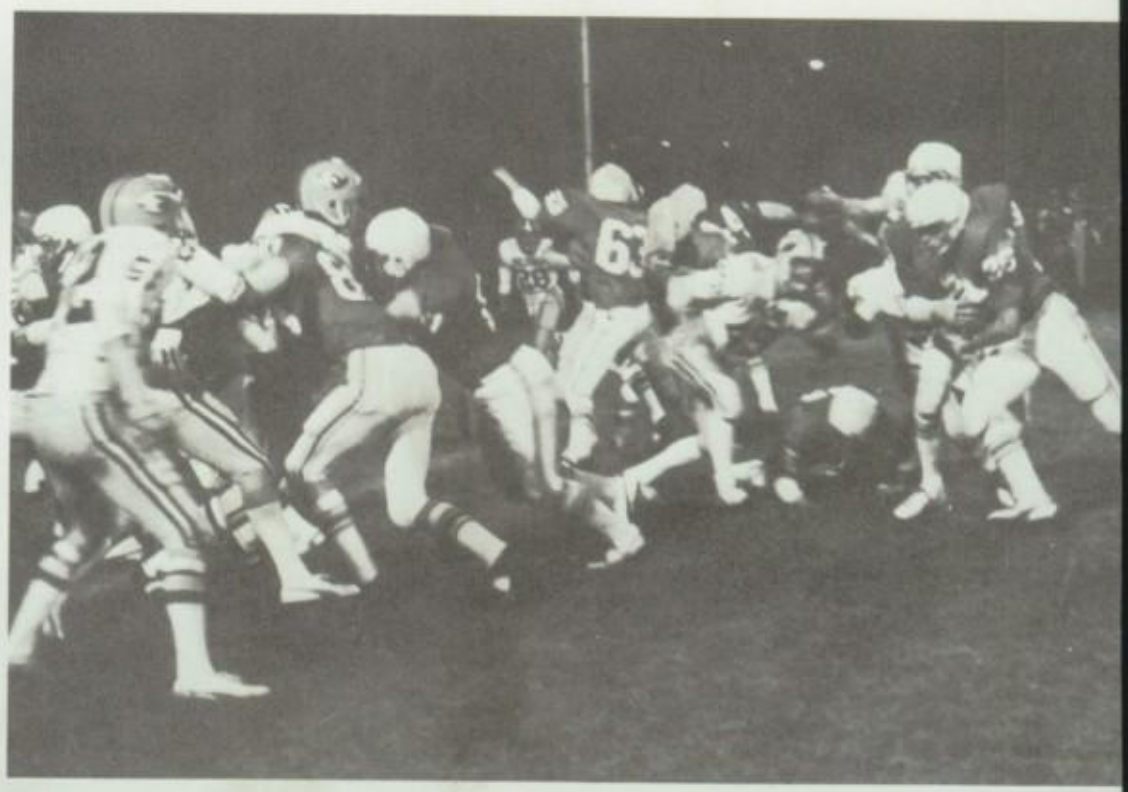
•1 Todd Vogel prepares to face the world. •2 Students hit the office to get an admit. •3 What's Food? Kids in line for lunch. •4 For some, making the bus in the morning was a big part of their day. •5 Tom Schoon takes a test. •6 3:21; get nuts •7 Nothing better than sleeping in on Saturday morning. •8 Jim Thomas wins a few dollars playing cards. •9 Sibley Park, one of the favorite party spots. •10 The famous "Coneheads" from "Saturday Night Live."



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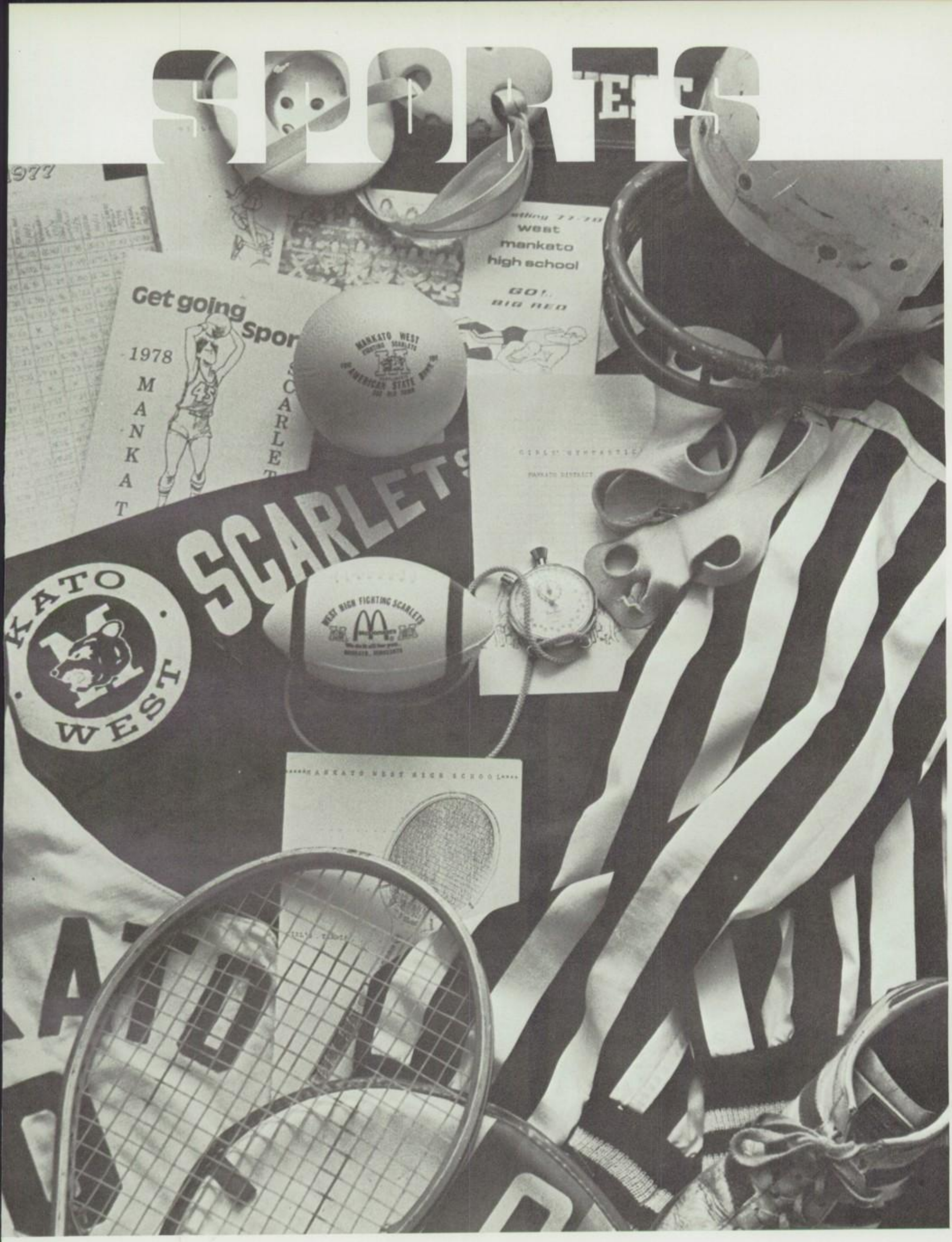
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high school
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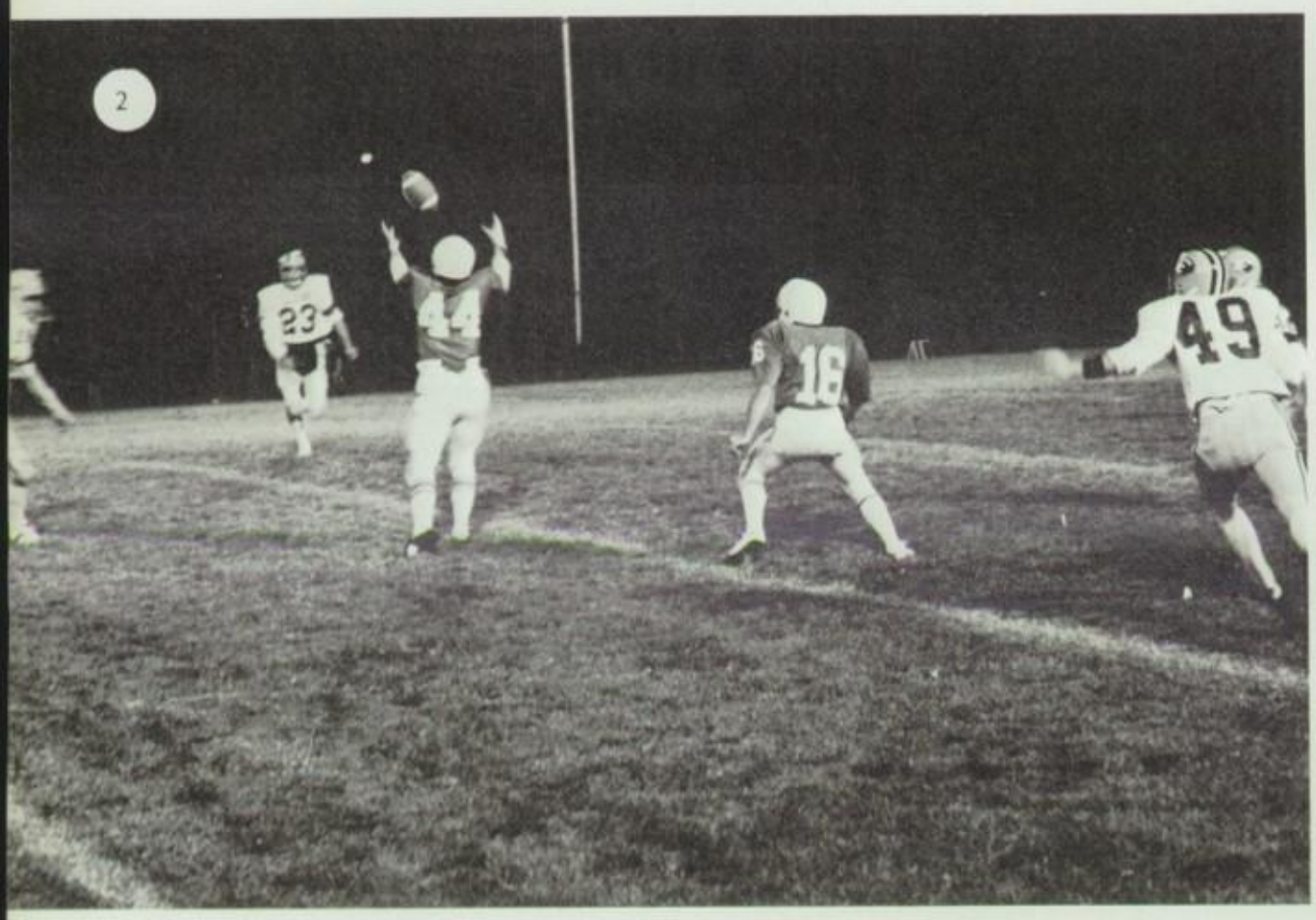

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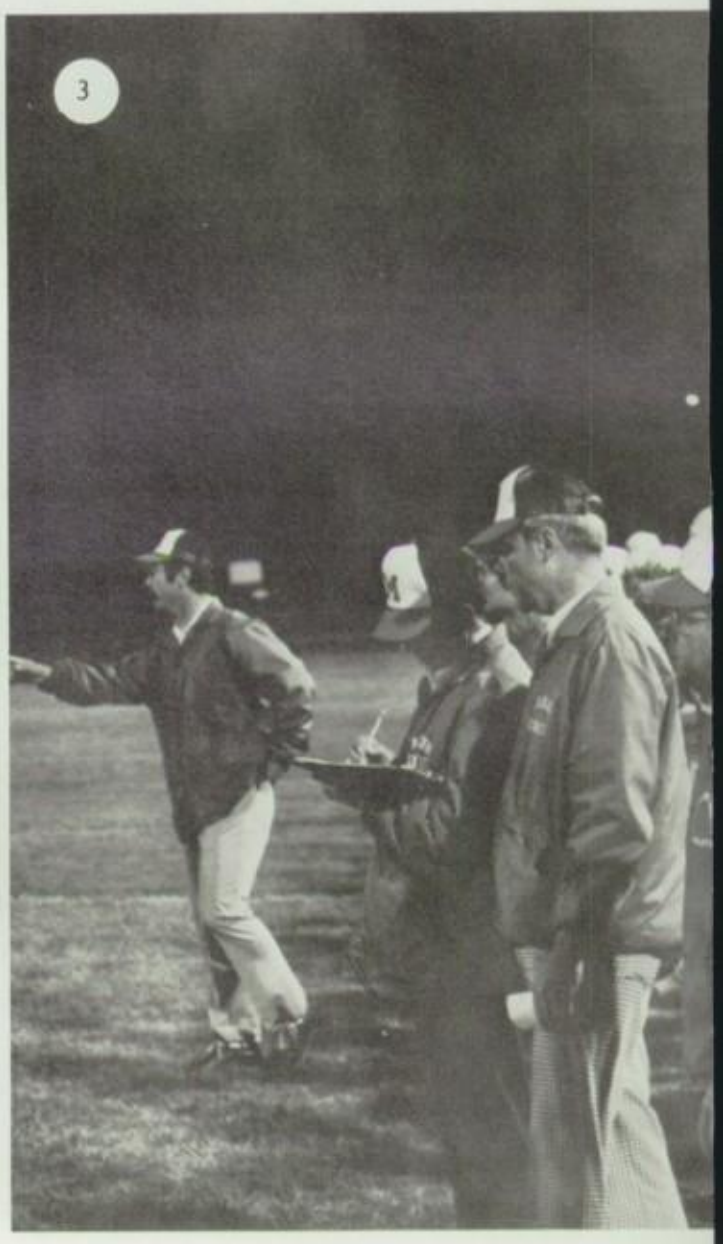


VARSITY — DID YOU LEARN SOMETHING?

VARSITY FOOTBALL

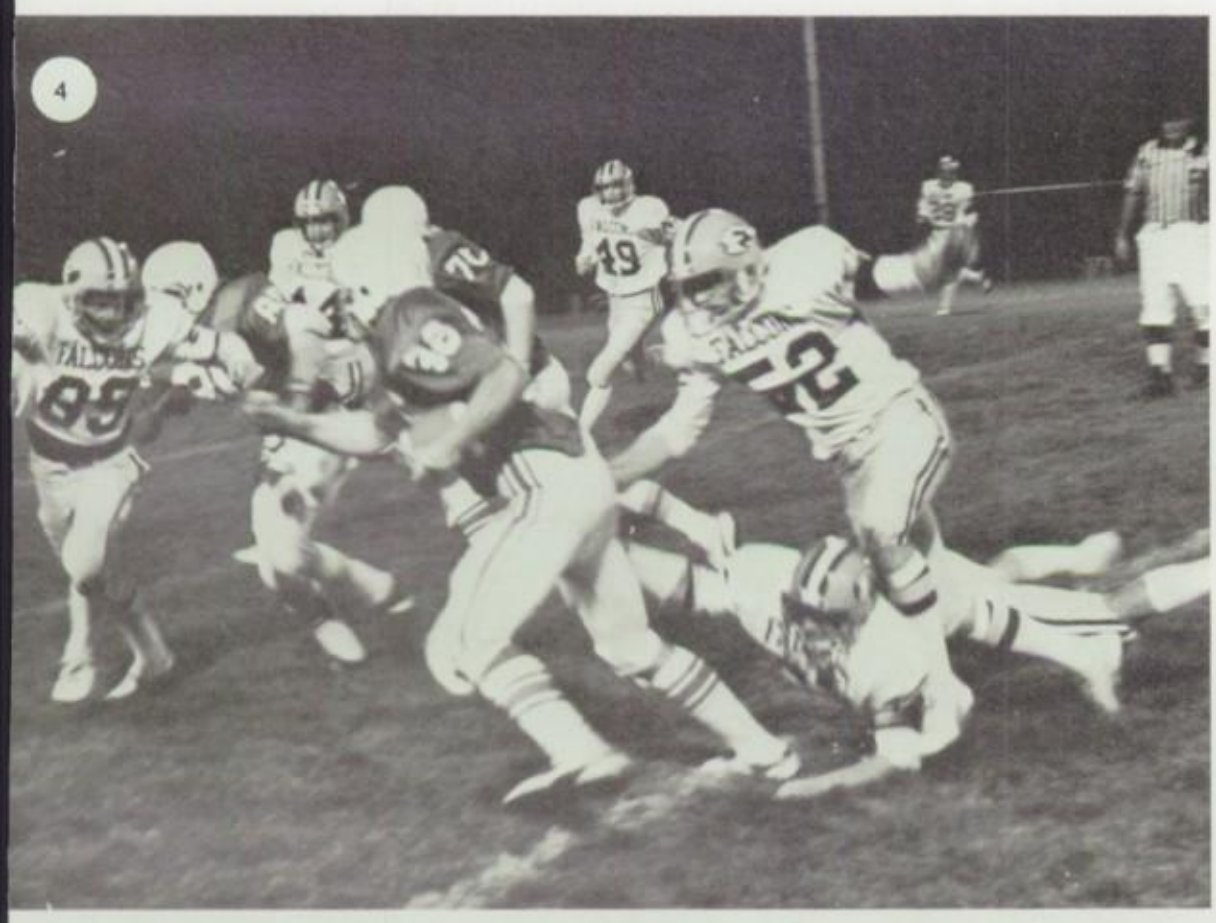
WEST		OPPONENT
8	APPLE VALLEY	7
6	WILLMAR	14
0	FAIRMONT	15
6	ALBERT LEA	7
6	FARIBAULT (HC)	19
0	RED WING	35
13	MANKATO EAST	28
22	OWATONNA (OT)	28
3	WINONA	14

The varsity football team, coached by Don Larsen, Gordy Hakes and John Behrends, had somewhat of a disappointing season.

The record was 1-8, the only win coming in the season opener against Apple Valley. The Scarlets came close to another victory when they put the Owatonna game into overtime but lost 28-22.

The Scarlets were plagued with injuries and bad weather. The season could pretty well be summed up with a favorite statement of coach Larsen. He tells his players that he hopes they learned something.

The captains were John Beerling and Mike Rutjes. Alec Roberts and Rutjes were picked for the All-City team. Rutjes made the Big Nine all-conference team, while Beerling, Jay Gauthier, Kevin McCarthy and Alec Roberts made honorable mention.



• 1 VARSITY FOOTBALL-**FRONT ROW-** A. Roberts, D. Latzke, M. Rutjes, K. McCarthy, T. Miller, J. Beerling, J. Roberts, B. Larson, D. Henney, B. Tvedt, J. Flanagan, J. Broughten. **ROW 2 -** R. Nordby, B. Schneier, K. Keckeisen, D. Alderson, C. Putze, M. Green, G. Davis, C. Cammack, T. Johnson, P. Karpinsky, T. Watts. **ROW 3-** L. Wittrock, E. Erie, D. Peterson, J. Wall, L. Mordue, R. Bruner, D. Dehning, T. O'Hara, G. Waters, B. Nordby, J. Thomas. **ROW 4-** J. Freyberg, R. Buske, D. Nelson, R. Weingartz, T. Holzinger, J. Gauthier, M. Dickhoff, B. Mickelson, A. Watts, C. Bock. **ROW 5-** B. Mundahl, B. Browne, A. Sofchalk, J. Bohrer, J. Hanneman, M. Ash, B. Mass. **ROW 6-** Head coach D. Larsen, Asst. Coaches, J. Meixl, M. Scioli, G. Hakes, L. Juliar, J. Behrends, B. Mickelson. • 2 Senior Todd Johnson awaits the punt. • 3 Coaches check out the stats. • 4 Fullback Dave Alderson bulls for extra yards. • 5 Alec Roberts, the punt return specialist.

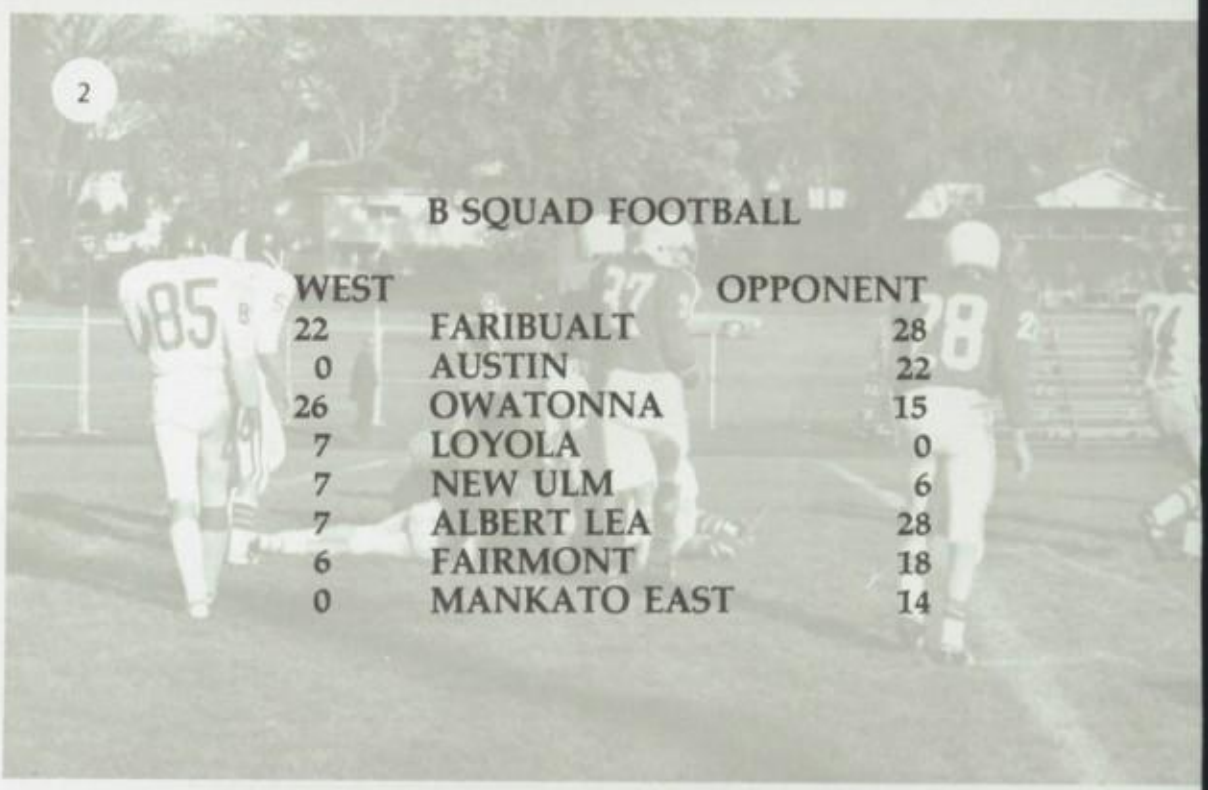
B-SQUAD . . . UPS AND DOWNS

B-Squad football, coached by Bill Mickelson and Lyle Juliar, had a 3-5 season.

The team had its ups and downs, losing its first two games, winning three straight, and then dropping the last three.

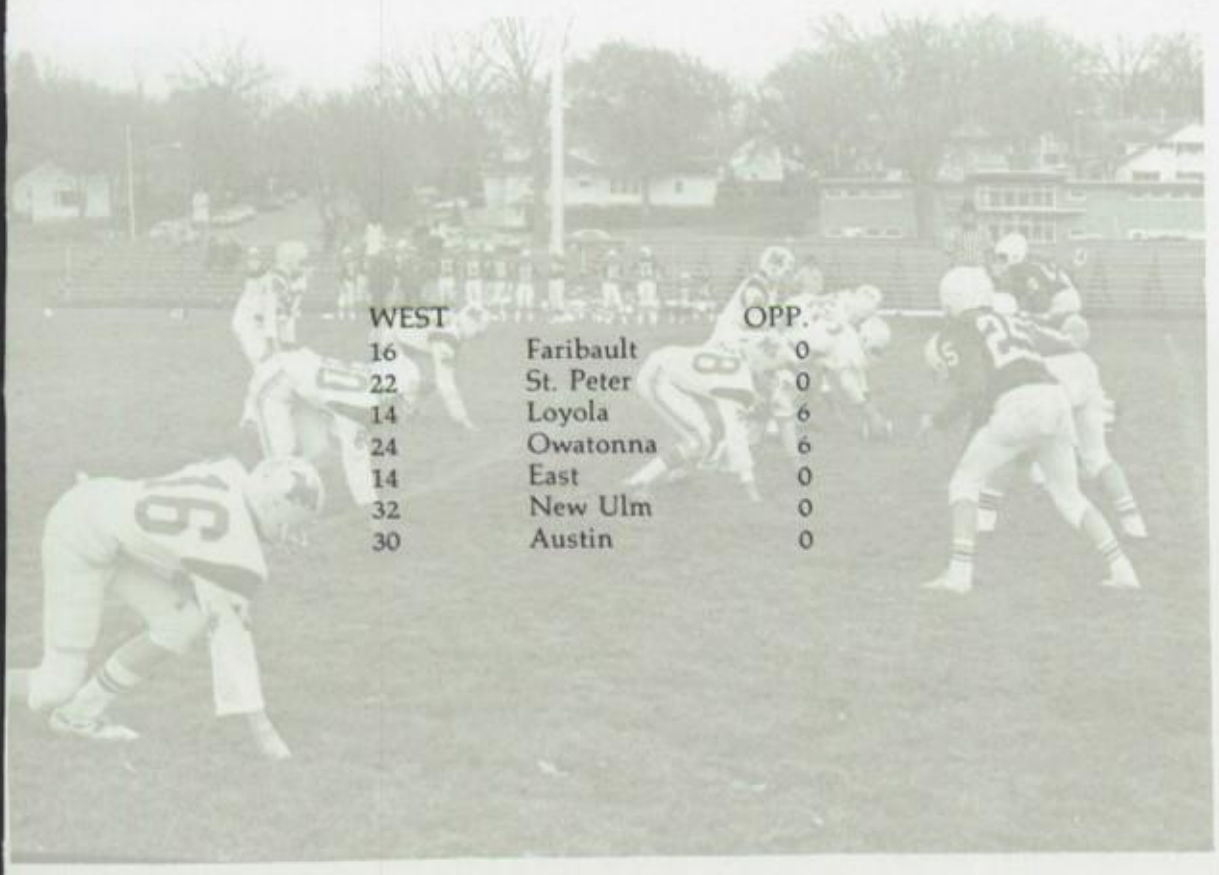
Tom Herzberg led the team with 48 points.

• 1- B-Squad's leading scorer, Tom Herzberg on the move. • 2 B-SQUAD FOOTBALL: **FRONT ROW-** T. Ellis, D. Dallman, J. Weber, D. Braam, M. Bassett, M. Wendland, B. Simonson, T. Schneiderhan, D. Reeves, C. Lyons, R. Pavel, D. Blom. **ROW 2-** G. Creel, J. Meyer, R. Nelson, J. Berg, J. Donnelly, S. Erie, D. Timlin, T. Simonson, K. Groenewold, B. Benning, C. Eggert. **ROW 3-** Coach Bill Mickelson, Coach Lyle Juliar, D. Radar, J. Steck, J. Henry, T. Hawker, B. Sturm, T. Herzberg, J. Polyard, M. Lagerquist, E. McFarling, D. Haselton. **ROW 4-** D. Johnson.



B SQUAD FOOTBALL

WEST		OPPONENT
22	FARIBUALT	28
0	AUSTIN	22
26	OWATONNA	15
7	LOYOLA	0
7	NEW ULM	6
7	ALBERT LEA	28
6	FAIRMONT	18
0	MANKATO EAST	14



WEST		OPP.
16	Faribault	0
22	St. Peter	0
14	Loyola	6
24	Owatonna	6
14	East	0
32	New Ulm	0
30	Austin	0

9TH GRADERS UNDEFEATED

NINTH GRADE FOOTBALL — •1 FRONT ROW: D. Loaney, A. Aufderhar, C. Butzer, D. Haslip, J. Dunlop, J. Eckert, C. Ash, B. Rosenau, T. Schull, B. Mondloch, M. Baumann. ROW TWO: J. Klint, L. Woods, K. Sturm, R. Probach, K. Sarma, D. Ruble, T. Wittrock, T. Hoffman, S. Weilage, D. Anderson, T. Peterson, M. Karpinsky, B. Grausam, P. Griffiths. ROW THREE: C. Frost, D. Anderson, M. Paquin, T. Brown, B. Engelen, T. Hayes, M. Meyer, E. Melhorn, S. Schneier, J. Mack, T. Stone. ROW FOUR: Coach D. Callahan, T. Kern, T. Rippentrop, J. Elliot, M. Hoffman, K. Skaar, S. Varuska, T. Zrust, S. Peterson, J. George, J. Dirckx, Coach M. Gorman. •2 Coach Gorman amazed. It's HOME 30, VISITORS 0.

The ninth grade team had an unbeatable season with a 7-0 record, including five shutouts. The freshmen gave up only two touchdowns, one each to Loyola and Owatonna.

Coach Mark Gorman said, "The team had great depth, dedication, and concentration. They worked hard at being good, and they were a pleasure to coach and know as good men. They beat most teams at the line of scrimmage, both defensively and offensively, and this was the reason for their winning." Coach Dick Callahan commented "The team had good spirit and seemed to get up and go for a game, no matter what the other team's record was, and they treated no team lightly.

•1 Getting 'em started. •2 Cross Country team "sits on it," while preparing for the run. •3 "And they're off ..." •4 Leif Spore goes for it. •5 CROSS COUNTRY-**FRONT ROW**-T. Senesac, J. Danish, B. Kozitza, J. Anderson, L. Spore, B. Schimmel, D. Austad, J. Peters, K. Allen. **ROW 2**-D. Lagerquist, S. Scharfe, T. Senesac, M. Severns, C. Narum, J. Peterson, M. Curran. **ROW 3**-Coach Bill Schimmel, S. Johnson, P. Stock, J. Harten, M. Fuller, T. Seward, D. Anderson, D. Karson, Assistant coach Dave Wiltgen.

West	(Low score wins)	OPP.
41	Albert Lea	15
27	Faribault	30
45	Owatonna	17
20	East	39
18	Shattuck	44
26	Mayo	29
26	Red Wing	32
36	Winona	21
31	John Marshall	24
21	Shakopee	38
27	Hutchinson	30
39	Lakeville	18
28	Austin	31
32	Blue Earth	24
20	Wells-Easton	40

DANISH SETS RECORD

"This year's cross country team at West was the strongest since the split of the school in 1973," said coach Bill Schimmel. Led by freshman Jeff Danish, junior Bill Schimmel and senior Kevin Allen, plus co-captains Jim Anderson and Leif Spore. The varsity had an 8-7 dual meet record, while the JV had a 16-1 mark. The Scarlets won the 14-team New Ulm Invitational and finished in the middle of the Big 9 with a 4-5 record. Four of the losses were to state-rated teams. In addition, the varsity & JV each won a second in the Mankato Invitational, highest in nine years. They also took 4th in the Region 2AA meet with 126 points.

Schimmel also commented "This team has been a real pleasure to work with. I'm really happy for this fine team and a fine group of boys, and I'm looking forward to next year."

Jeff Danish, who went to state this year, also set a school record for the three mile MSU course, with a 15:53.1 time, topping the old record by 5.5 seconds.

•1 Jennifer Graif, Maid of Honor at the Mankato Invitational. •2 Coach Schimmel gives support to Jim Peters. •3 Cheering 'em on.

MARY RUNS IN STATE

The cross country team consisted of 13 girls, along with coach Mrs. Marge Orness.

Chris Griebel, Julie Braam, Mary Skarpohl and Lisa Klaustermeier returned to cross country for their second season. In invitationals the girls came in second out of nine in the Kato Invitational, 10th out of 11 in Austin and third out of five in the Marshall Invitational. The team had a 4-10 season record. Mary Skarpohl advanced to state, where she came in 39th out of 177 girls.

•1 GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY-**ROW 1**-T. Hinton, T. Anderson, A. Miller, J. Borchartdt. **ROW 2**-C. Griebel, L. Klaustermeier, L. Willoughby, J. Braam, K. Schmit, **ROW 3**-Coach Mrs. Marge Orness, M. Skarpohl, A. Harris, M. Curran, M. Anton. •2 Mary Skarpohl runs after another victory. •3 Many cross country teams compete in the Kato Invitational at M.S.U.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

WEST		OPPONENT
28	Albert Lea	27
34	Faribault	22
41	Owatonna	20
23	New Ulm	33
34	Red Wing	21
25	Rochester Mayo	30
40	Winona	20
36	John Marshall	19
26	Wells-Easton	29
24	Slayton	35

WEST		OPPONENT
75.00	John Marshall	74.00
93.16	Austin	93.57
97.69	Albert Lea	100.56
89.69	Mankato East	78.54
88.46	Austin	93.20
79.65	M.S.U. Invitational	
94.92	John Marshall	93.61
90.03	New Ulm Invitational	
90.46	Mayo	111.32
98.75	Mankato East	88.38
96.24	Fairmont	111.05
96.24	Sioux Falls S.D.	69.79
95.04	Albert Lea	95.80
99.33	Mayo	114.94
96.27	Sectionals	

YOUNG TEAM WITH NEW DIMENSION

Sophomore Brett Krone was the top point-getter on the gymnastics team, which had a 5-7 dual meet record, including two wins each over Mankato East and Rochester John Marshall. Leading seniors on the young team were Kurt Klaustermeier and Al Dumdei, co-captains.

Klaustermeier placed second on the pommel horse in the sectional meet to give the Scarlets a state meet entry. Others to place in the sectional were junior Gary Dubke, fifth on the still rings; freshman Bret Smith, sixth in floor exercise; and Krone, 10th on the high bar.

The schedule took on a new dimension with a meet against an out-of-state team for the first time when the gymnasts beat Sioux Falls, S.D.

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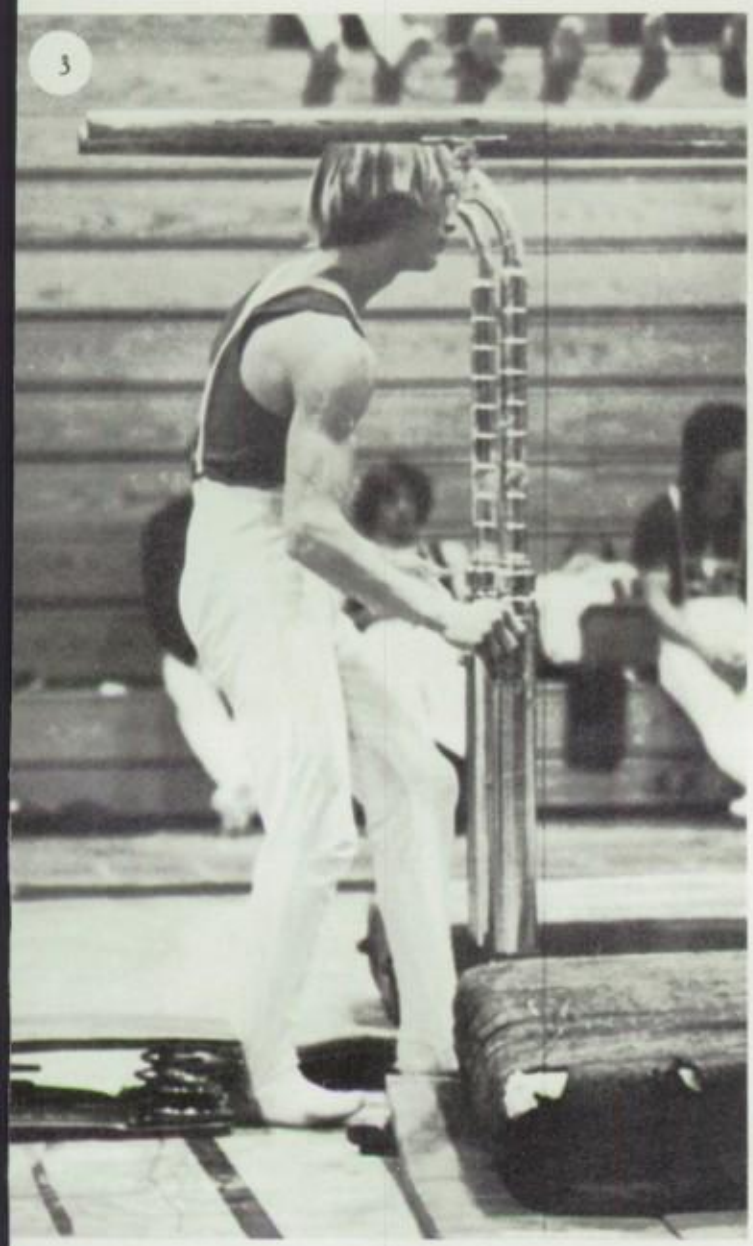
•1 BOYS' GYMNASTICS-FRONT ROW-K. Klaustermeier, B. Smith, B. Krone. ROW 2-M. Bertrand, J. LaBrec, L. Johnson, A. Dumdei. ROW 3-B. Wells, J. Todtleben, B. Mock. (Not pictured: G. Dubke.) •2 Gymnasts take a break. •3 Checking the equipment is state competitor Kurt Klaustermeier. •4 Gary Dubke counts his toes while supporting himself on the rings. •5 Concentrating on form is sophomore Brett Krone on the p-bars.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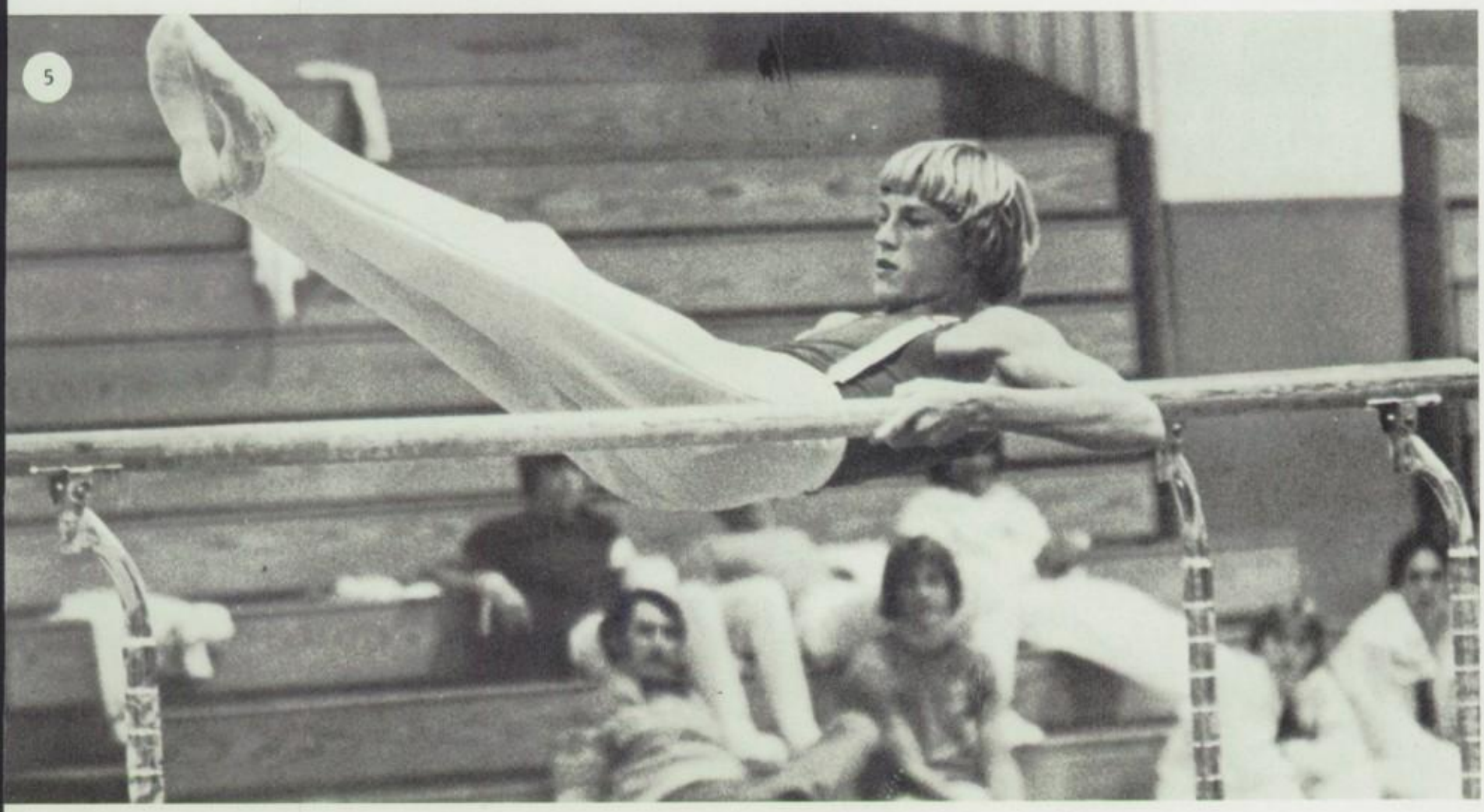
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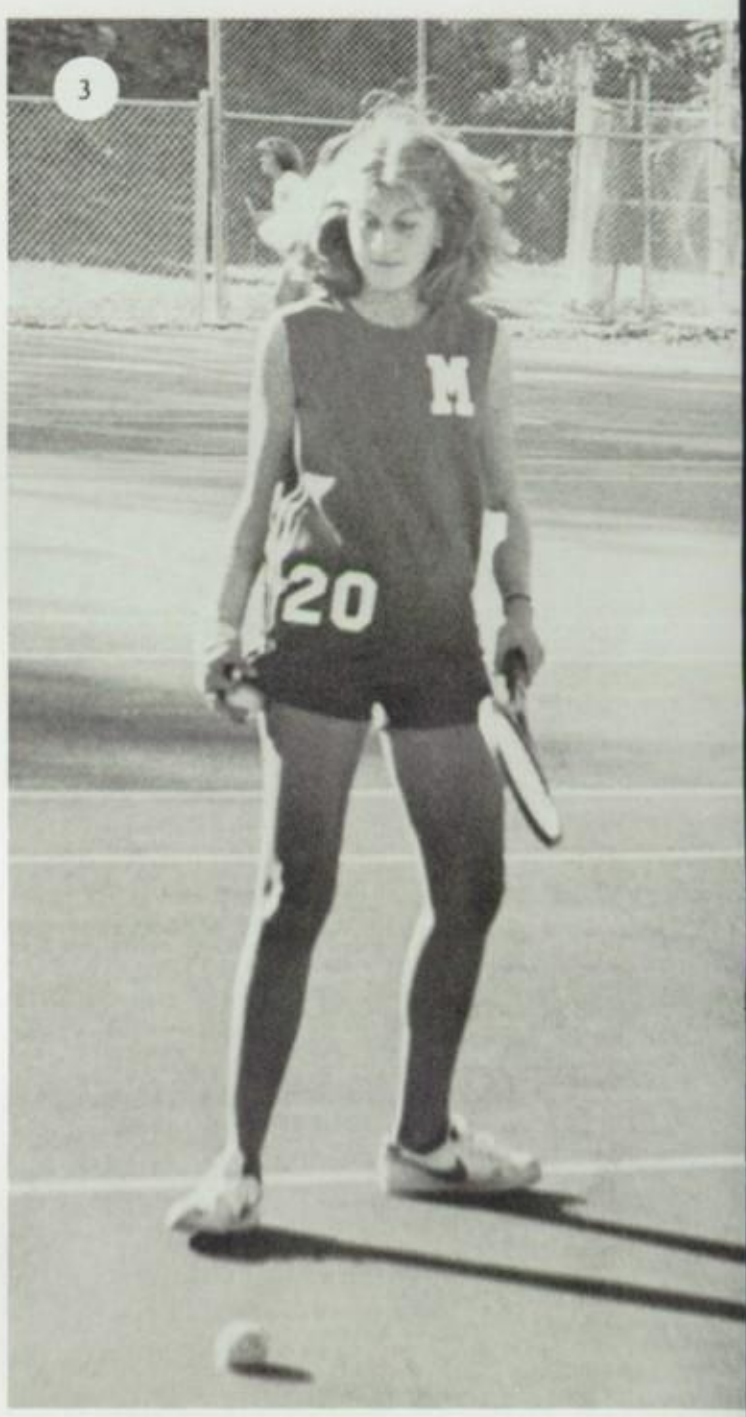

• 1 GIRLS' TENNIS-**ROW 1-**J. Meyer, R. Sivertson, S. LaBrec, L. Germundson. **ROW 2-** L. Yezzi, K. Anderson, B. Paterson, J. Dean, P. LaGow, K. Peterman, J. Traeger, S. Hiniker, R. Nordby, T. Vu. **ROW 3-** K. Stark, S. Eckert, P. Warneke, C. Stark, H. Olson, B. Cattrysse, J. Anderson, L. Schoenstedt, C. Hayes, J. Deschene, D. Lieske, A. Butzer. **ROW 4-** Assistant Coach Nancy Stark, K. Schimmel, S. Heaberlin, J. Hanneman, B. Elias, T. Charlton, J. Peterman, L. Kozitza, S. Klar, B. Akstam, A. Mikkelsen, L. Gerk, C. Mueller, E. Simmons, J. Ringhofer, K. Bastie, Coach Mrs. Myrna Turner. • 2 Janice Deschene and opponent discuss their game. • 3 Careful, Kathy, that ball bites. • 4 Sue Klar, Jill Anderson, Janice Deschene, Lisa Kozitza, Betzy Ekstam, Kathy Stark, and Jan Peterman pose with their sub-section trophy after defeating Mankato East.

42 CREATE 9-5

Forty-two girls composed the tennis team, coached by Mrs. Myrna Turner and assistant Nancy Stark. The team had a 9-5 overall record and was 4-5 in the Big Nine conference.

A-squad included Jill Anderson, Janice Deschene, Betzy Ekstam, Sue Klar, Lisa Kozitza, Jan Peterman and Kathy Stark. For part of the season Barb Cattrysse, Theresa Charlton, Carrie Hayes, Patty LaGow, Connie Mueller and Julie Traeger played with A-squad. The rest of the girls played on B&C squad.

Tennis team finished fourth in the Big Nine conference. Gold medals were awarded to Betzy Ekstam and Sue Klar, who won first place in sub-section. Lisa Kozitza and Jan Peterman were second in the #2 doubles at the Big Nine conference meet and won silver medals. Kathy Stark started late in the season because of a broken wrist. However, she did win third place in individual sub section.

TENNIS

WEST		OPPONENT
3	JOHN MARSHALL	2
1	OWATONNA	4
4	NEW ULM	1
3	FAIRMONT	2
3	AUSTIN	2
4	ST. PETER	1
0	MAYO	5
0	ALBERT LEA	5
0	WINONA	5
3	FARIBAULT	2
4	ST. JAMES	1
2	RED WING	3
4	MANKATO EAST	1

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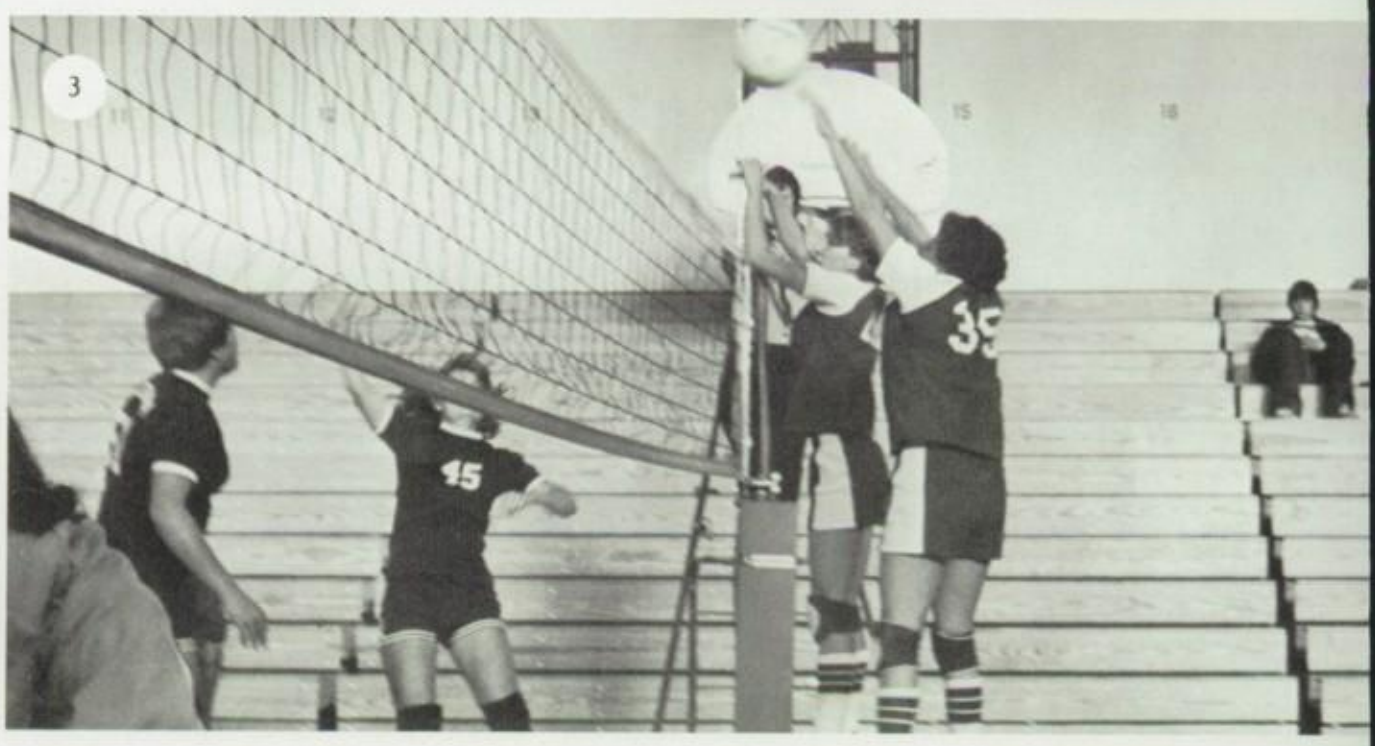
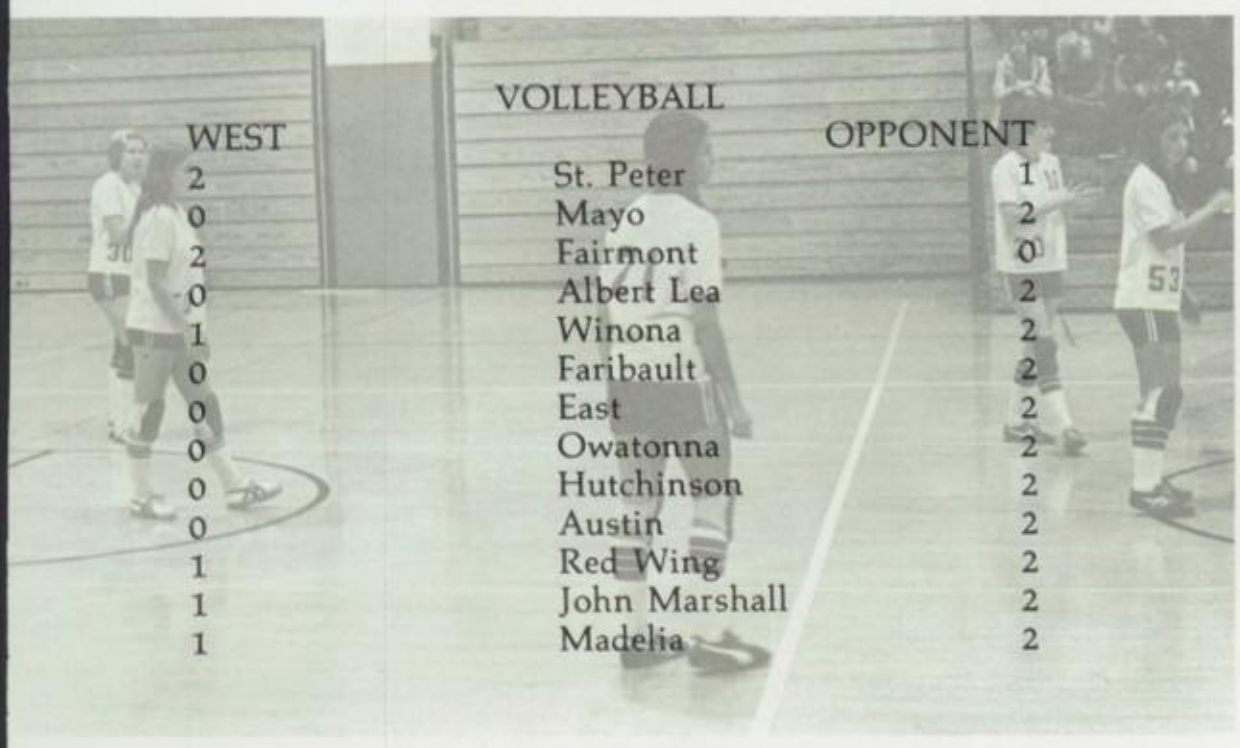
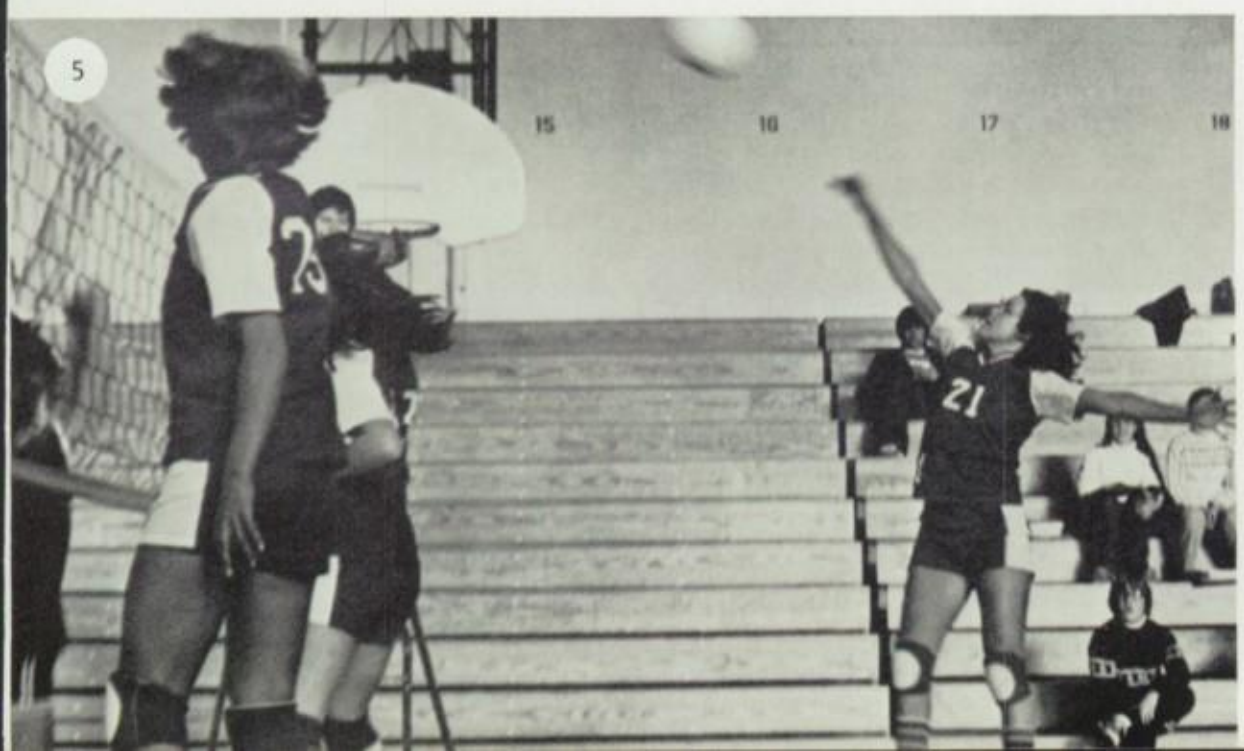




VOLLEYBALL

WEST		OPPONENT
2	St. Peter	1
0	Mayo	2
2	Fairmont	0
0	Albert Lea	2
1	Winona	2
0	Faribault	2
0	East	2
0	Owatonna	2
0	Hutchinson	2
0	Austin	2
1	Red Wing	2
1	John Marshall	2
1	Madelia	2

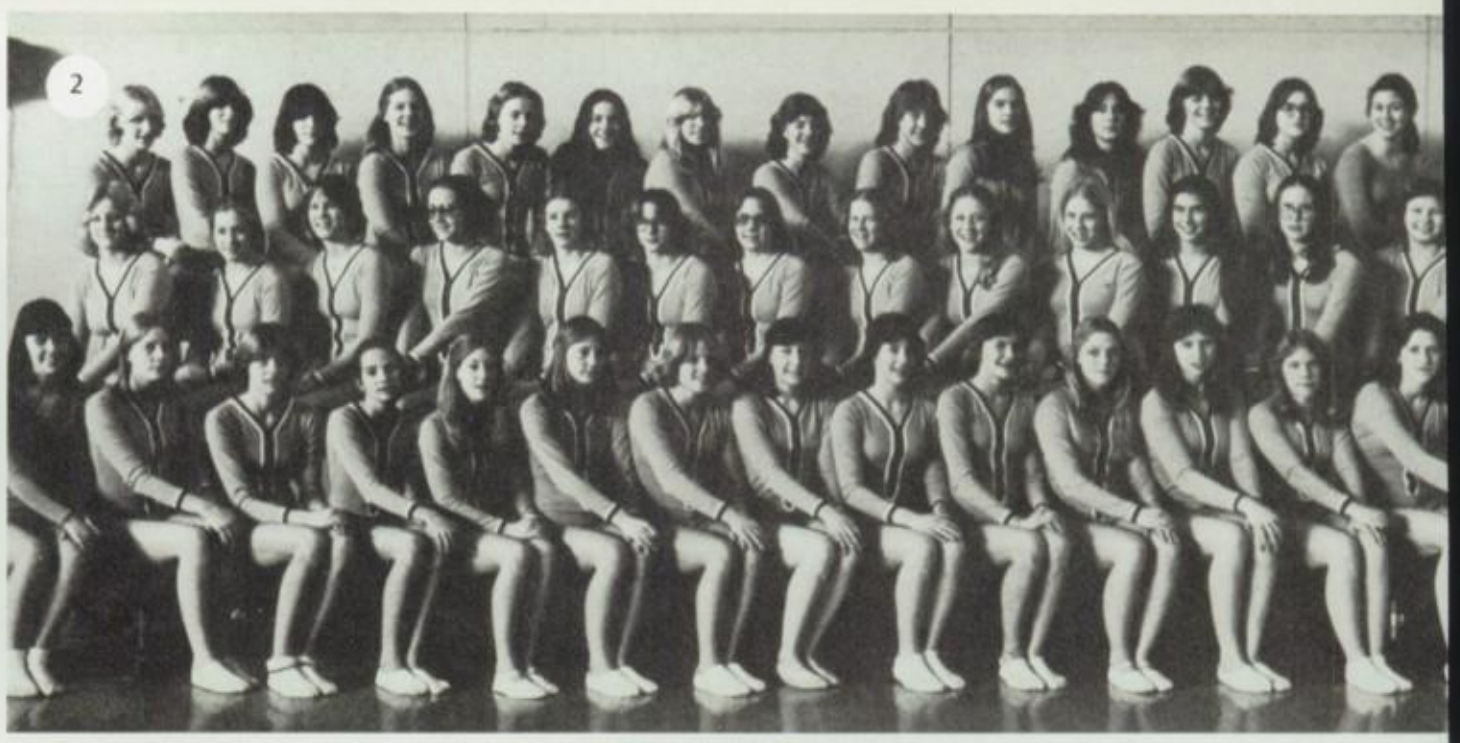


V-BALL TURNOUT ENCOURAGING

•1 **C-Squad: Row 1**-D. Davis, T. Thomas. **Row 2**-L. Schmidt, P. Oltman, T. Lloyd, S. Radel, L. Staley, M. Fitterer, A. Booher, J. Sanders. **Row 3**- D. Puskedra, M. Madson, G. Buckholz, P. Larsen, K. Hovren, T. Hawker, P. Green, S. Mettler, B. Larson, S. Saman, T. Hickok, K. Morris. •2 **B-Squad: Row 1**-J. Jones, G. Ash, M. Kitsis, L. Weber, P. Pietan. **Row 2**-D. Hohenstein, A. Bruce, T. Peterson, K. Keckeisen, T. Unzeiting, K. Watts. **Row 3**-K. Christensen, C. Adamson, H. Bohm, D. Rodell, E. Morrow. •3 Kris Nett and Katie Scott jump up to block a soft set. •4 A-Squad: **Row 1**-P. Sheldon, J. Mutch, J. Bublitz, N. Hanson, K. Nett. **Row 2**-T. Dessalet, M. Nothwehr, S. Sullivan, S. Biewen, K. Scott. •5 Sara Biewen drives the ball over the net.

Over 70 girls participated in the girls' volleyball program this year. The teams consisted of Varsity, B-Squad, Two C-Squads and an intramural team.

"It is really fortunate that we have a program for all these girls. Their skills are improving a great deal each year, and I'm sure it won't be long before they bring a championship home to West," stated Varsity coach Mrs. Norma McCarthy. The assistant coach was Peter Pratt for B-squad. Ruth Grande, Paula Oberle and Michelle Gedney were the C-Squad coaches.



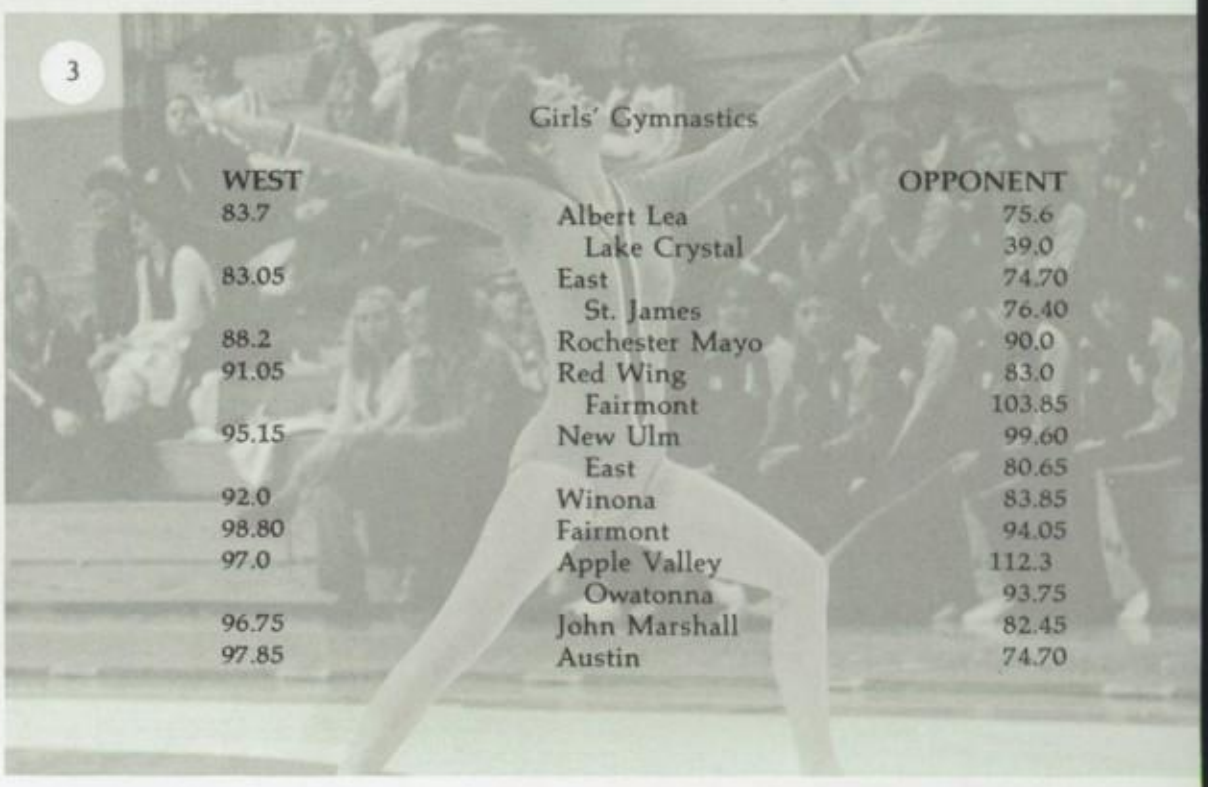
SECOND RATED IN BIG NINE

Girls' gymnastics coach Mrs. Tona Gillispie said that "It was a privilege to work with such a self-motivated and energetic bunch of girls."

With 20 returning gymnasts, the 40-girls team had a 6-4 season record. Nancy Stark was assistant coach.

The Scarlets lost to only one Big Nine school, Rochester Mayo, and placed second in the conference.

•1-Barb Loaney charges onto the mat. •2-Gymnastics Team ROW 1-S. Beebe, J. Fedder, J. Ringhofer, J. Traeger, L. Lindeen, L. Cheney, C. Krone, L. Willoughby, S. LaBrec, J. Henry, M. Rieff, J. Bublitz, T. Orr, C. Maslowski. ROW 2-P. Ahlers, P. Gauthier, T. Robinson, K. Madson, S. Sullivan, B. Cattrysse, S. Madson, L. Landsteiner, B. Loaney, J. Dunlop, B. Lawrence, S. Randolph, A. Miller. ROW 3-K. Schimmel, J. Meyer, S. McCartney, L. Eisenbeis, J. Dalton, L. Gazzola, L. Germundson, W. Blethen, J. Lindenberg, T. Charlton, B. Larson, J. Berg, L. Schoenstedt, S. Kasner. •3-Alec Roberts, coach Tona Gillispie, Mitch Dickhoff, assistant coach Nancy Stark, Alan Dumdie, and Kari Peterman add a touch of class to the gymnastics team.



Girls' Gymnastics

WEST		OPPONENT
83.7	Albert Lea	75.6
	Lake Crystal	39.0
83.05	East	74.70
	St. James	76.40
88.2	Rochester Mayo	90.0
91.05	Red Wing	83.0
	Fairmont	103.85
95.15	New Ulm	99.60
	East	80.65
92.0	Winona	83.85
98.80	Fairmont	94.05
97.0	Apple Valley	112.3
	Owatonna	93.75
96.75	John Marshall	82.45
97.85	Austin	74.70

WET BEHIND THE EARS

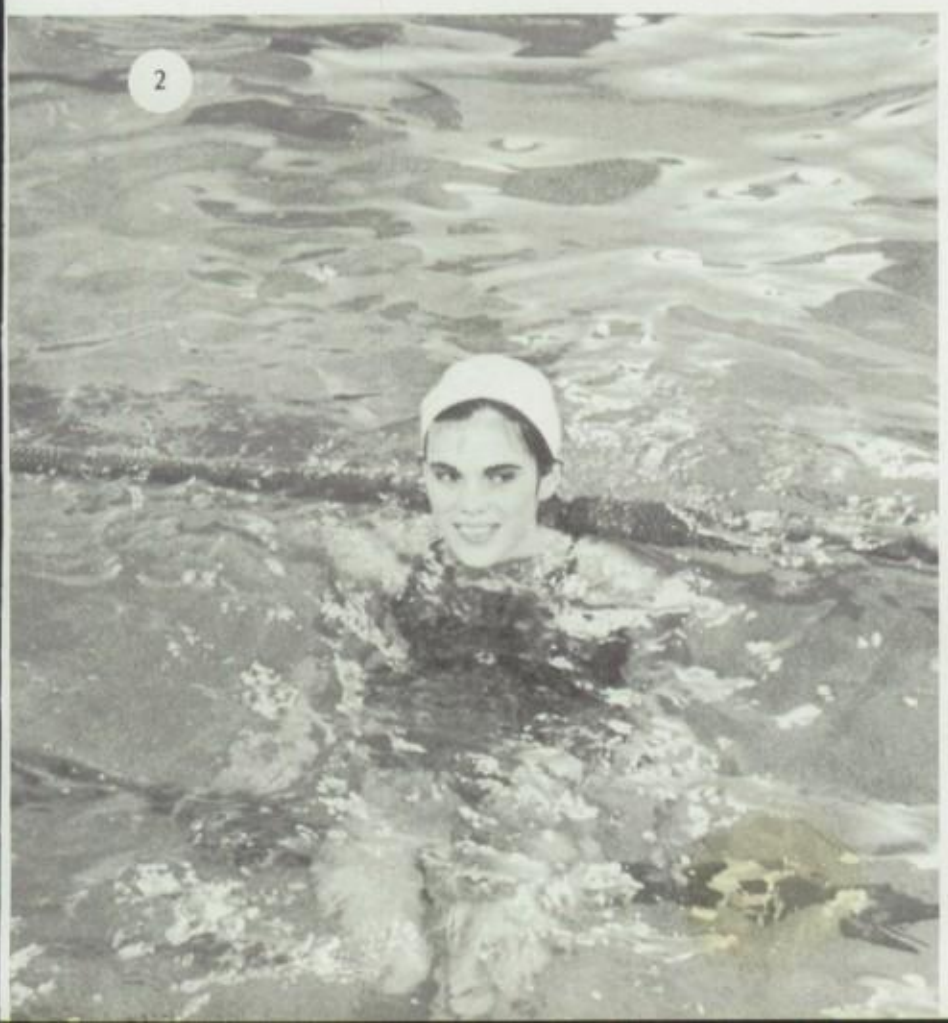
The girls' swim team of 16 members was basically a very young team, headed by new coach Dorothy Evans, who was assisted by Tom Spicer.

The team had a 2-12 season record, but had a boost when captain Jackie Graif took a first place at the Big Nine tournament. Graif then placed third in two events in the regions.

The season was not the best as far as records go, but Evans is happy that many girls will be back.

WEST		OPPONENT
23	Hutchinson	60
25	Mayo	55
62	Albert Lea	100
35	Waseca	48
28	Winona	55
44	Faribault	39
74	East	95
61	Owatonna	109
34	Austin	49
65	Northfield	106
61	Rosemount	106
56	John Marshall	114
48	Watertown	35

•1 GIRLS' SWIMMING-FRONT ROW-R. Austad, B. Jensen, P. Hinton, M. Touhey, J. Dalton, D. Buskovick. ROW 2-M. Wohlrabe, S. Kasner, L. Olson, C. Outka, M. Fleischman, S. Wintheiser, S. Muellerleile. ROW 3-P. Ahlers, K. Naylor, J. Graif, T. Robinson, Head Coach Dorothy Evans, Asst. coach Tom Spicer. •2 Captain Jackie Graif treads water. •3 Hold the pose! Tammy Robinson.



WEST		OPPONENT
50	Loyola	38
32	Albert Lea	49
42	East	49
34	Rochester Mayo	28
53	Good Counsel	39
49	Red Wing	55
30	St. Peter	47
33	East	38
41	Faribault	43
53	Winona	42
39	Faribault	41
38	Austin	40
43	John Marshall	40
41	New Ulm	26
55	Red Wing	34
52	Owatonna	32
49	Fairmont	40
45	Owatonna	46
	TOURNAMENT	
56	Hutchinson	45
39	East	42

BEST YEAR YET

"Our goal was to improve on last year's 4-12 season record," stated girls' basketball coach Dick Callahan. The girls succeeded with a 10-10 season mark, the best in the six years of girls' basketball at West.

"The girls worked hard in practice, and I think it carried over into the games," stated Callahan.

Teri Dessalet and Jan Peterman co-captained the varsity squad, on which Teri Dessalet, Betzy Ekstam, Lisa Kozitza and Katie Scott showed outstanding skills, stated Callahan. Katie made the all-Big Nine conference team.

Jay Ketterer coached the B-squad to 13-5 record, while the C-squad, which had an 11-4 mark, was coached by Miss Meg Underwood.

• 1 VARSITY SQUAD-FRONT ROW-S. Paulsen, T. Dessalet, K. Scott, G. Baker, B. Ekstam, J. Peterman. ROW 2-Coach Dick Callahan, D. Aufderhar, K. Griffin, L. Kozitza, L. Knauer, S. Klar, B. True.

•2 Teri Dessalet receives the ball with open arms.

•3 B-C SQUADS-FRONT ROW-C. Puskedra, D. Loe, T. George, T. Saar, J. Sanders, I. Cerne, T. Thomas. ROW 2-T. Peterson, J. Jones, D. Davis, A. Heminover, J. Gaarder, S. Radel, P. Green, T. Hinton, T. Hawker, J. Mutch. ROW 3-Coach Miss Meg Underwood, assistant coach Miss Pam Peterson, C. Lowe, K. Friedrichs, J. Carlberg, D. Lieske, D. Hohenstein, P. Gazzola, L. Wolters, J. Deschene, P. Sheldon, D. Puskedra, Coach Jay Ketterer.

WEST		OPPONENT
4	Shattuck	6
3	St Peter(OT)	2
2	Albert Lea	4
5	Prior Lake	1
1	New Ulm	4
10	Le Sueur	2
6	Waseca	1
11	Winona Cotter	1
16	Winona Cotter	0
9	Montgomery	1
4	Albert Lea	1
7	Prior Lake	0
2	Owatonna	1
2	St Peter	7
4	Faribault	5
9	LeSueur	6
1	Northfield	9
3	Montgomery	2
0	Shattuck	8
5	Waseca	0

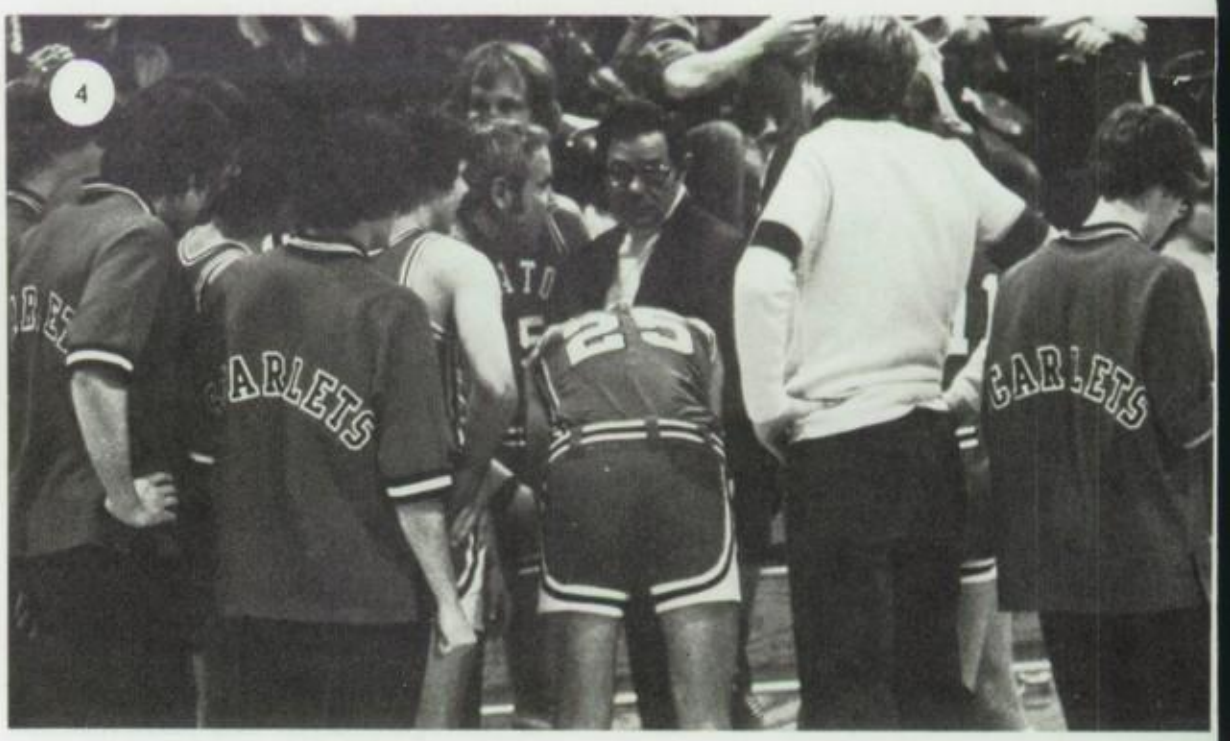
HOCKEY TEAM STICKS TO IT

Consisting of players from West, East, Loyola and Wilson, the club hockey team compiled a 13-7 record.

Team members from West included seniors captain Todd Lindenberg, Brett Anderson, Don Lyons and Pat Oberle; juniors assistant captains Pete Lyons and Dennis Mata, and Rich Steinberg; sophomores Marty Bassett, Jay Dailey and Mike Laramee, and freshmen Mark Bigham, Dan Lyons and Jeff Steinbach.

The team was coached by Greg Olsen, who at one time played pro hockey in Europe.

•1 Chuck Reynolds (15) from Loyola attempts a goal. •2 Face off! •3 Go for it!



Multiple overtime losses to Albert Lea and St. Peter were two of the basketball team's 14 defeats. In addition, three close losses were to Mayo by three points, East by five and St. James by seven. Coach Gordy Hakes felt that the early season losses took their toll on the team's confidence.

Season highlights included the four wins over Faribault, Owatonna, New Ulm and Red Wing. Tri-captain Keith Hohenstein, within a three-game streak against Albert Lea, Mayo and St. Peter, tallied 89 points. At a point early in the season, he was second top scorer in the conference. Hohenstein was the leading scorer and defensive rebounder for the season. He made 101 of 175 field goal attempts, and was 60% from the free throw line. Hohenstein totaled 231 points and 88 defensive rebounds for the regular season. Dave Latzke, tri-captain, made a strong return after his spleen removal. He was 71% from the free throw line, and was top offensive rebounder with 37 rebounds. The third tri-captain was Dave Krabbenhoft. In tournament play West lost the opening sub-region game to St Peter 49-37.

WEST		OPPONENT
60	Fairmont	72
61	Owatonna	73
80	Albert Lea (3 OT)	81
56	Rochester Mayo	59
73	St Peter (2 OT)	78
41	Red Wing	52
74	Faribault	62
52	East	57
60	Owatonna	54
49	Winona	64
51	St James	58
52	Faribault	71
44	East	56
61	Rochester JM	75
44	Austin	56
54	New Ulm	52
63	Red Wing	57
	SUB-REGIONS	
37	St Peter	49

NARROW LOSSES MARK SEASON

•1 Dave Krabbenhoft in control of the ball. •2 **Boys' Basketball Front Row-** J. Krueger, D. Orness, C.Narum, R. Bruner, S. Wilson, M. Luedtke. **ROW 2-**J. Biewen, D. Henney, D. Latzke, K. Hohenstein, D. Krabbenhoft, B. Larson, J. Wall. **ROW 3-**Head coach Gordy Hakes, S. Bodelson, B. Mickelson, D. Cattrysse, D. Alderson, E. Erie, L. Henderson, M. Green, Assistant coach Bill Mickelson. •3 Up in the air, over the rim, sink it, Jim! •4 Coach Hakes talks to team during timeout. •5 Scarlets head for the other end. •6 Anticipation. •7 Keith Hohenstein lays it up. •8 Scarlet bucket?

•1 Sophomore Bruce Peterson goes high for the tip. •2 Coach Rathbun sends out John Todtleben. •3 Tony Simonson fires a bucket. •4 B-SQUAD BASKETBALL-**FRONT ROW**-T. Hawker, T. Herzberg, J. Peterson, J. Todtleben, R. Haman, S. Olson, J. Cattrysse. **ROW 2-** T. Simonson, M. Lagerquist, R. Nelson, D. Broughton, B. Nelson, B. Peterson. **ROW 3-** Coach Greg Rathbun, T. Carlson, C. Pederson, M. Severns, D. Smishek, J. Todtleben, coach Lyle Juliar. •5 C-SQUAD BASKETBALL-**FRONT ROW**-T. Dalluge, J. Tolle, D. Laughlin, D. Loaney, D. Ruble, K. Kosberg, J. Dunlop, T. Peterson, T. Haupert, C. Robb. **ROW 2**-M. Meyer, M. Peterson, B. Menk, D. Nelson, J. Elliott, J. Dirckx, G. Mielke, S. Knauer, S. Peterson, S. Varuska, T. Kern, T. Biewen, P. Stock, J. Klint, K. Roberts, coach Dean Brudwick. •6 Picking up speed. •7 "I've got it!"

SQUADS POST WINNING MARKS

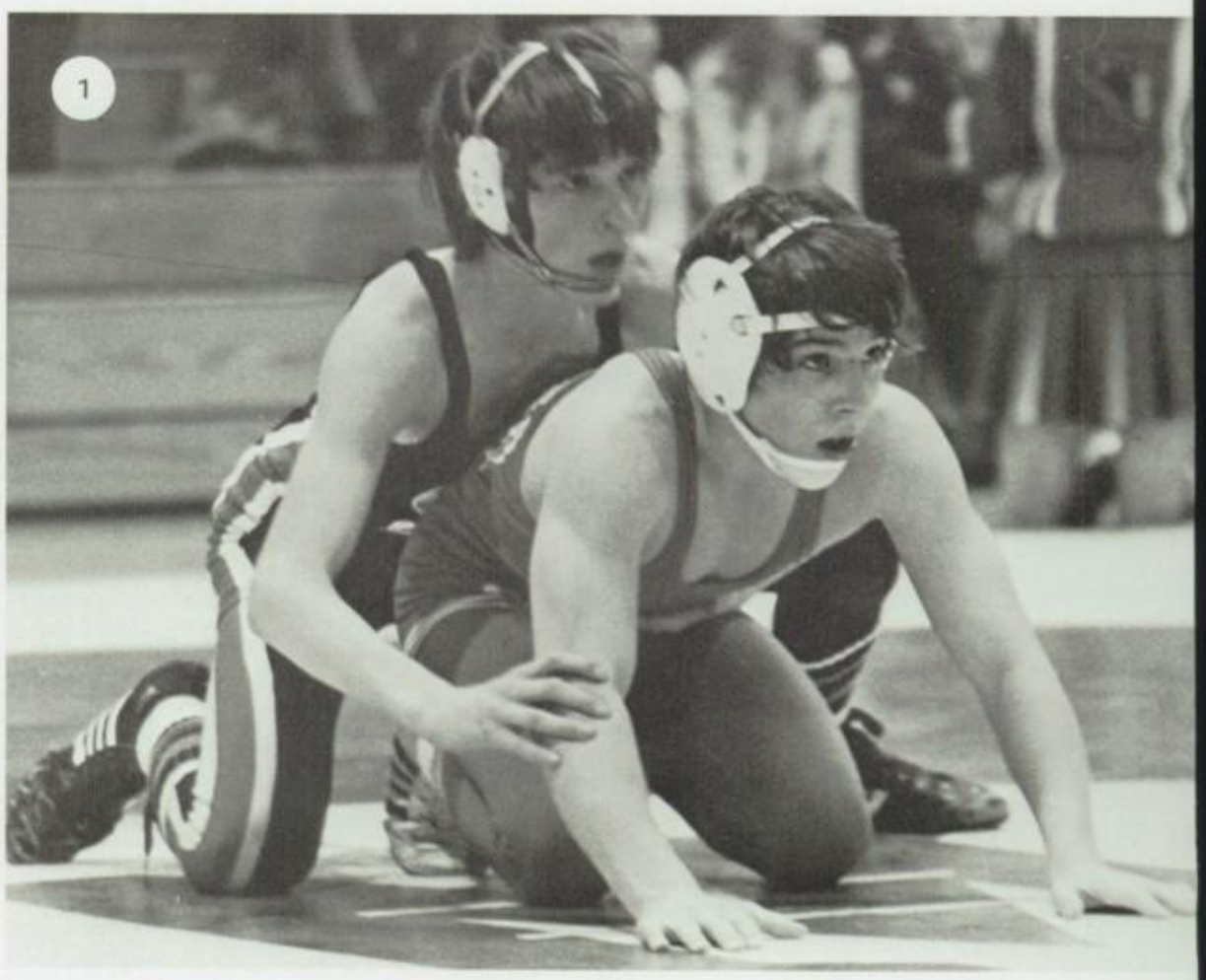
B-squad registered a 12-5 record, shooting an impressive 42% from the field. The defense proved strong too, limiting such teams as St. James, Winona and Red Wing to less than 30 points. Lyle Juliar and Greg Rathbun were the coaches.

C squad had an 11-2 record, going undefeated through the season but losing two games in a tournament at Faribault. Leading the practices at 6:45 every morning was coach Dean Brudwick, who said he was impressed with the squad's depth on the bench.

INEXPERIENCE GAINS STATUS

Coach Luverne Klar commented he was very proud of "his" boys. "We began with next to nothing and ended the season ranked 10th in the state," said Klar.

An all-time record was set by Steve O'Brien, who during the regular season gained 92 team points. Bob Mock followed with 84 points. Both O'Brien and Mock ended the regular season with 19-0 records. Kent Keckeisen followed with a 17-2 record, with Brian Kozitza and John Beerling at 15-4 and Brady Hendley 14-3. During the season the Scarlets reached their 275th win in 27 years, and finished with a 17-2 record.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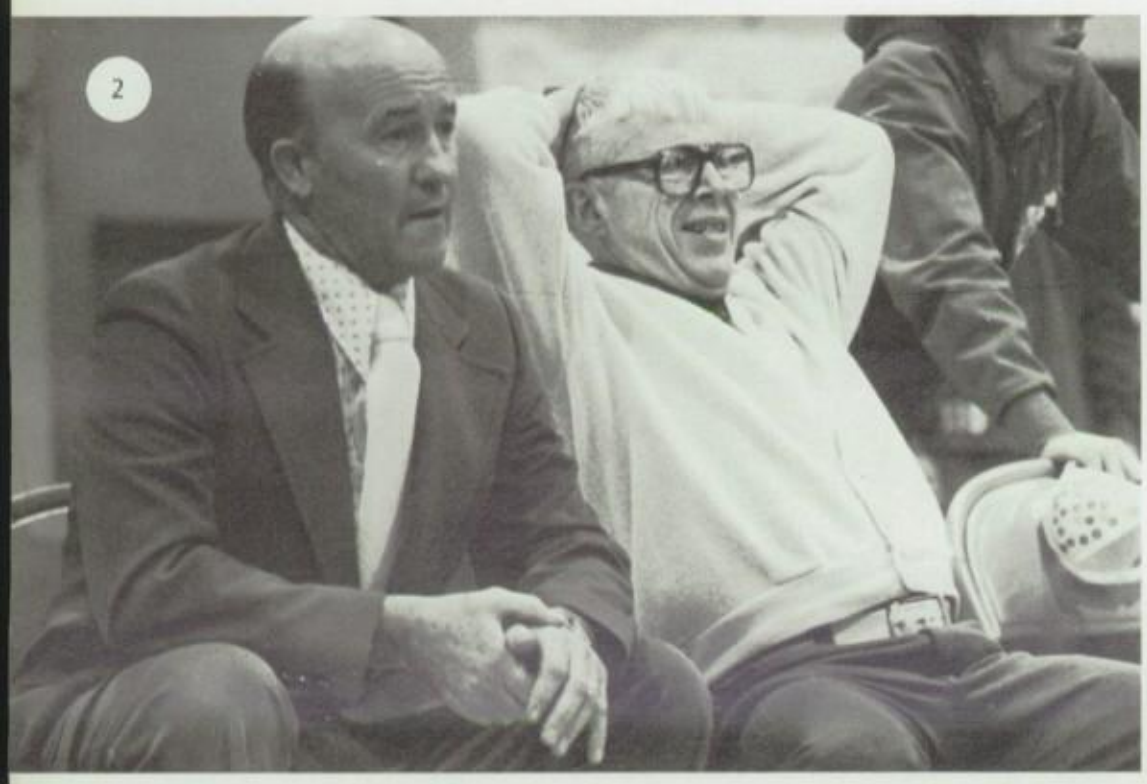
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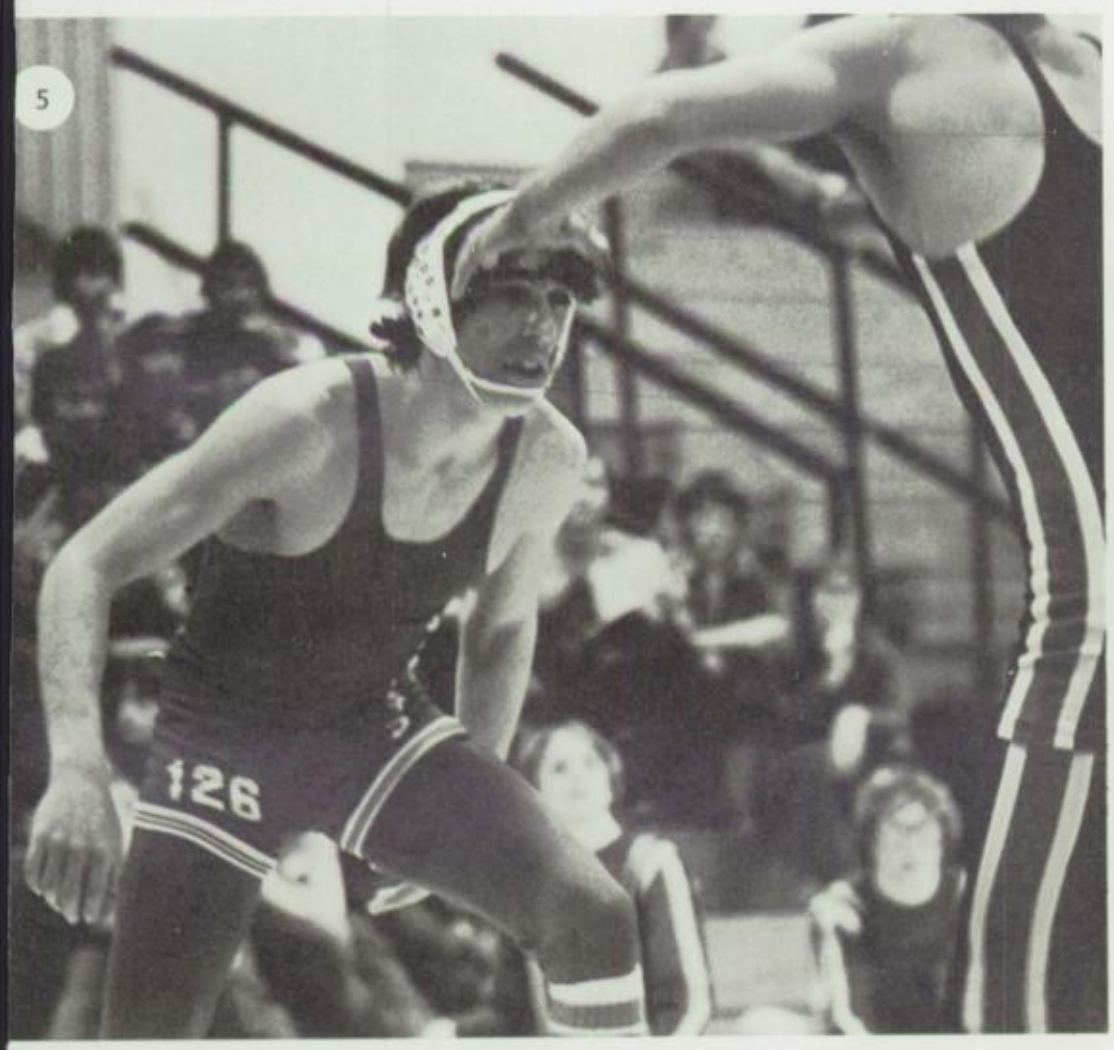
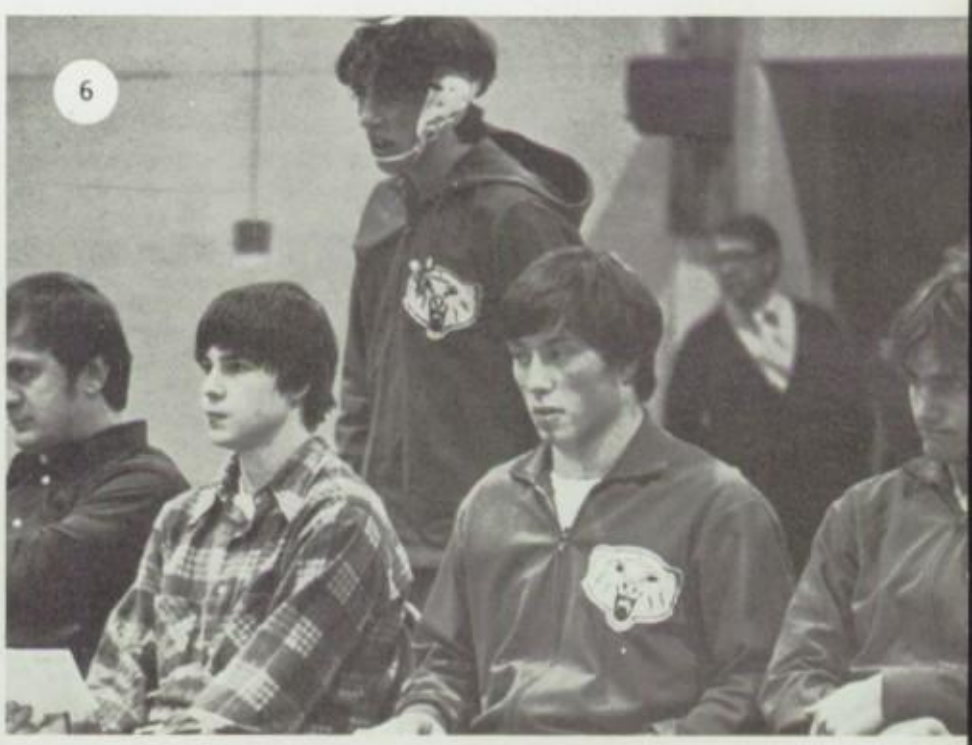
VARSITY WRESTLING

WEST		OPPONENT
10	Albert Lea	37
25	Goodhue	24
54	Mankato East	3
31	Britt	19
30	Waseca	15
43	Rochester Mayo	5
29	New Ulm	22
42	Red Wing	11
48	Mankato East	10
34	Owatonna	12
46	Edina West	6
35	Edison	21
36	Cooper	12
39	Winona	9
34	St James	12
19	Faribault	26
29	St Peter	15
36	Rochester JM	12
34	Austin	17





1 Wrestlers set in position for their match. •2 Coach Luverne Klar and assistant Jack Bengtson watch anxiously. •3 What's the matter, Bernie?! •4 WRESTLING-**FRONT ROW** -B. Kozitza, C. Ash, B. Mock, T. Trautman, K. Keckeisen. **ROW 2**-Assistant coach Jack Bengtson, K. McCarthy, B. Kozitza, D. Rodvik, S. O'Brien, S. Ashley, coach Luverne Klar. **ROW 3**-A. Watts, J. Hanneman, C. Bock, B. Hendley, J. Beerling, K. Klaustermeier. •5 Go for a takedown, Bob! •6 Team members watch a match. •7 Brian Kozitza gets a pin!

PUTTING A FLAME ON THE MATCH

"About 40 wrestlers comprised the B and C squads," stated coach Russ Hanson. "There were frequent changes made so that all the wrestlers would see action," continued Hanson.

"There were some individuals gaining valuable experience and skills which will help them in the future."

"Bob Kozitza should be commened for his efforts at 98-B, as he was considerably underweight," Hanson said.

"Carl Bock, Eric McFarling, Ken Mock and Tom Schmit were all tough competitors and consistent winners," said Hanson.

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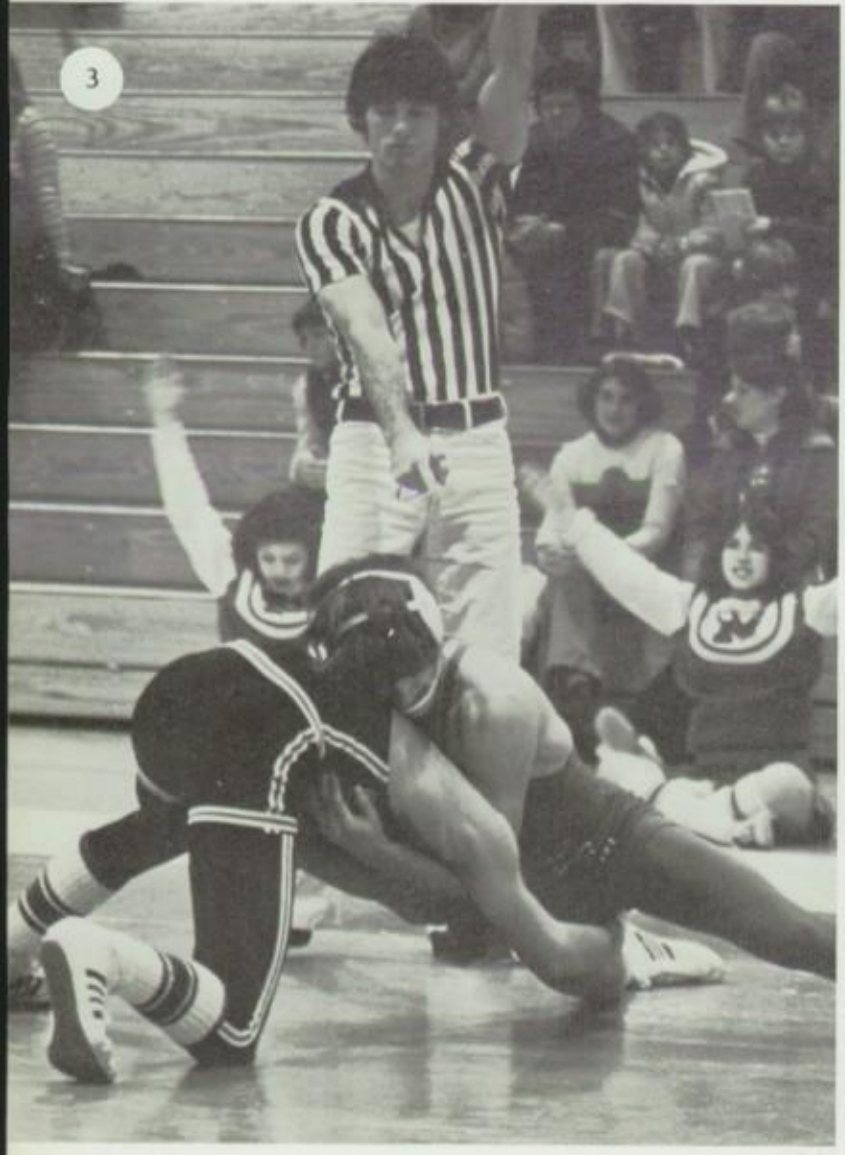
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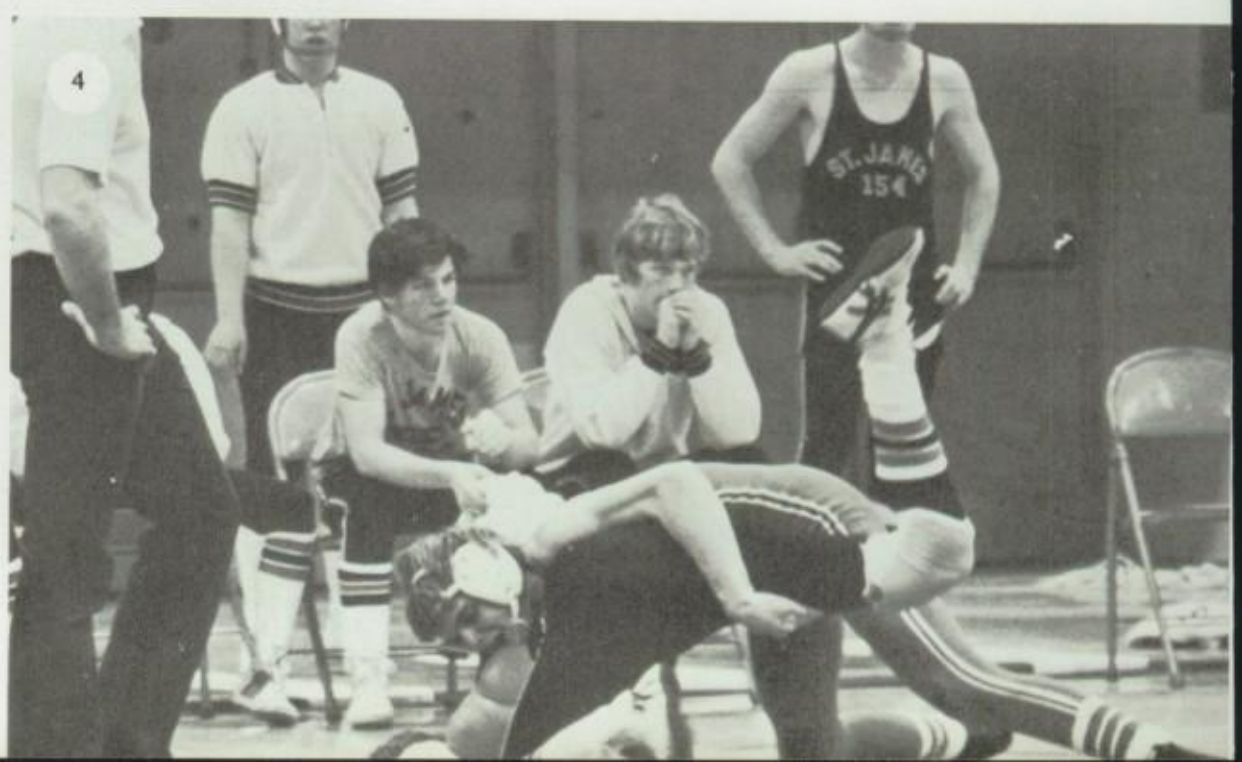
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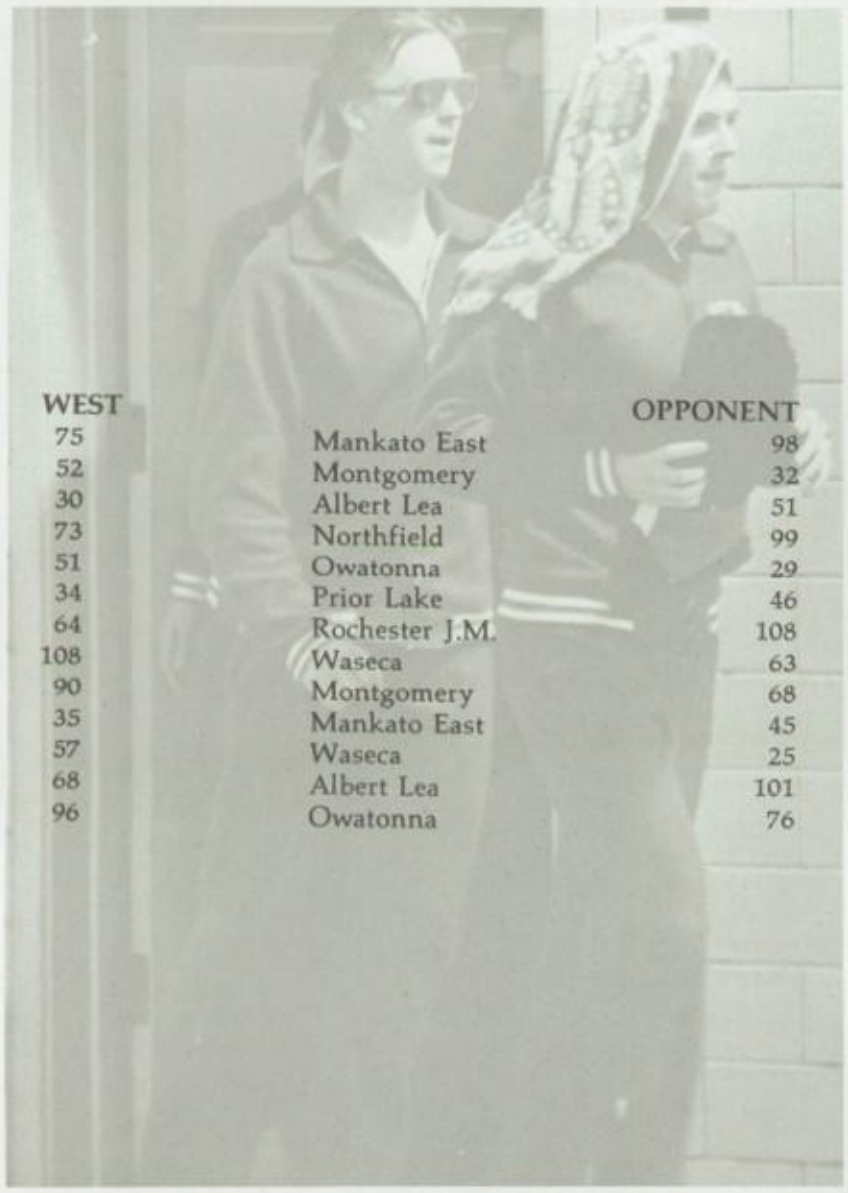
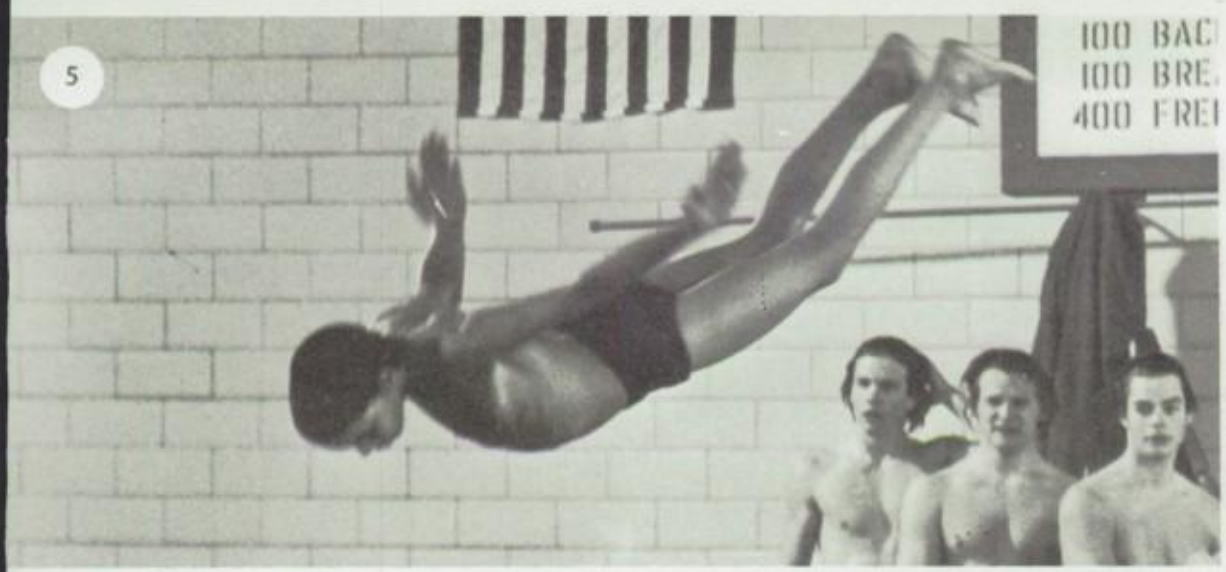
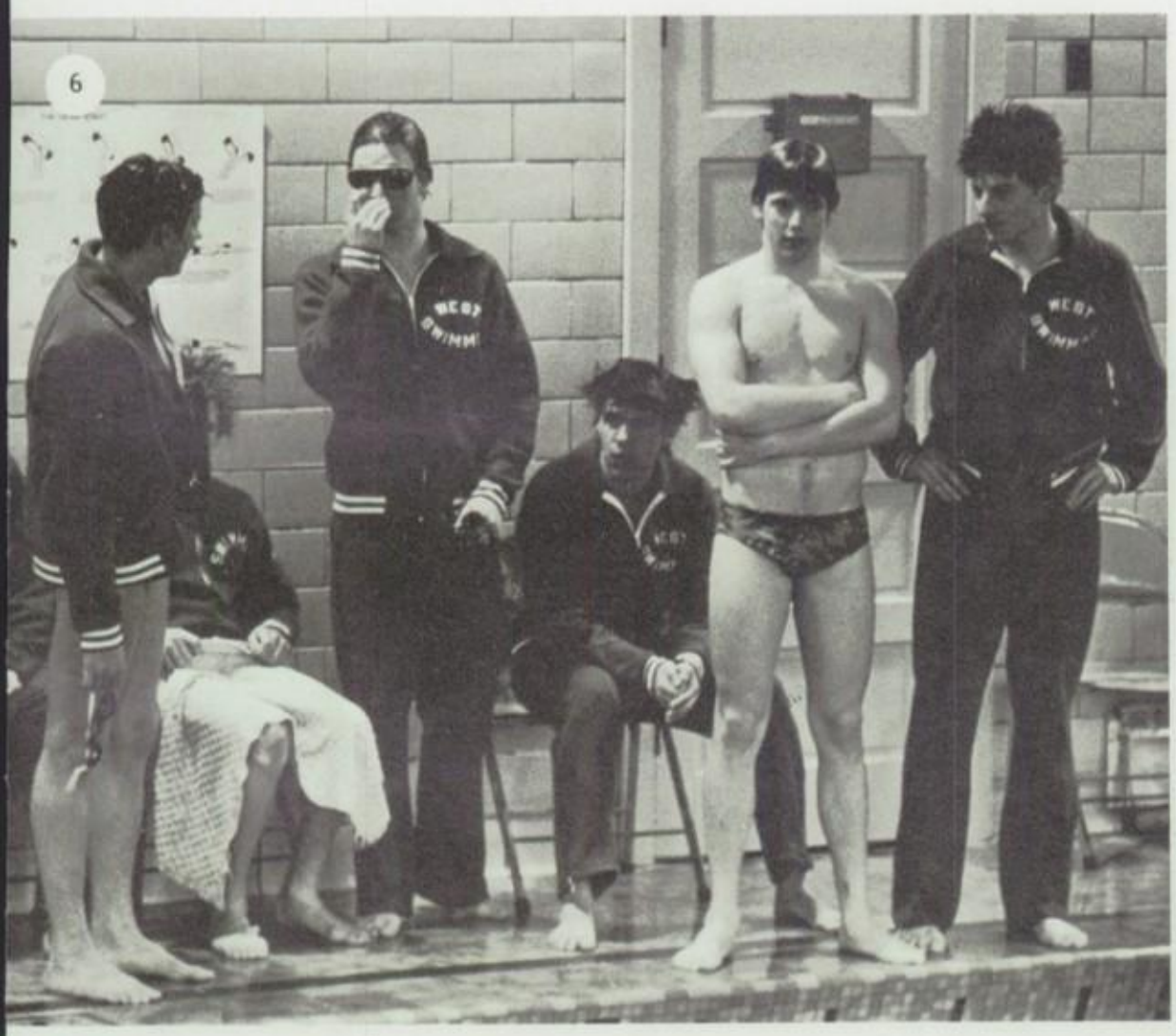
•1 B-C SQUAD WRESTLING **ROW 1-** D. Bublitz, B. Sturm, B. Kozitza, J. Eckert, J. Edwards, **ROW 2-** D. Miller, S. Tilley, C. Grausman, T. Austad, B. Grausman, J. Donnelly, S. Johnson, **ROW 3-**M. Hennek, T. Hayes, M. Buss, J. Meyer, C. Voth, D. Johnson, B. Mundahl, E. McFarling. •2 Chris Lyons and Eric McFarling give some enthusiastic support to a teammate. •3 Former West wrestler Scott Madigan calls the hold. •4 Team members get ready to dive in and help out. •5 "Bottoms Up" •6 Business is at a stand-still at the candy stand. •7 WRESTLE! •8 MAT MAIDS-**ROW 1-** L. Gish, S. Roberts, K. Watts, R. Dingler, K. Morris. **ROW 2-** P. Reedstrom, D. Gish, L. Hoffman, L. Roberts. ROW 3- J. Schmitz, B. Sontag, K. Johnson.



WEST		OPPONENT
75	Mankato East	98
52	Montgomery	32
30	Albert Lea	51
73	Northfield	99
51	Owatonna	29
34	Prior Lake	46
64	Rochester J.M.	108
108	Waseca	63
90	Montgomery	68
35	Mankato East	45
57	Waseca	25
68	Albert Lea	101
96	Owatonna	76





SWIMMERS BREAK RECORDS

"The caliber of the swim team was definitely higher than in the past," stated coach Mark Gorman.

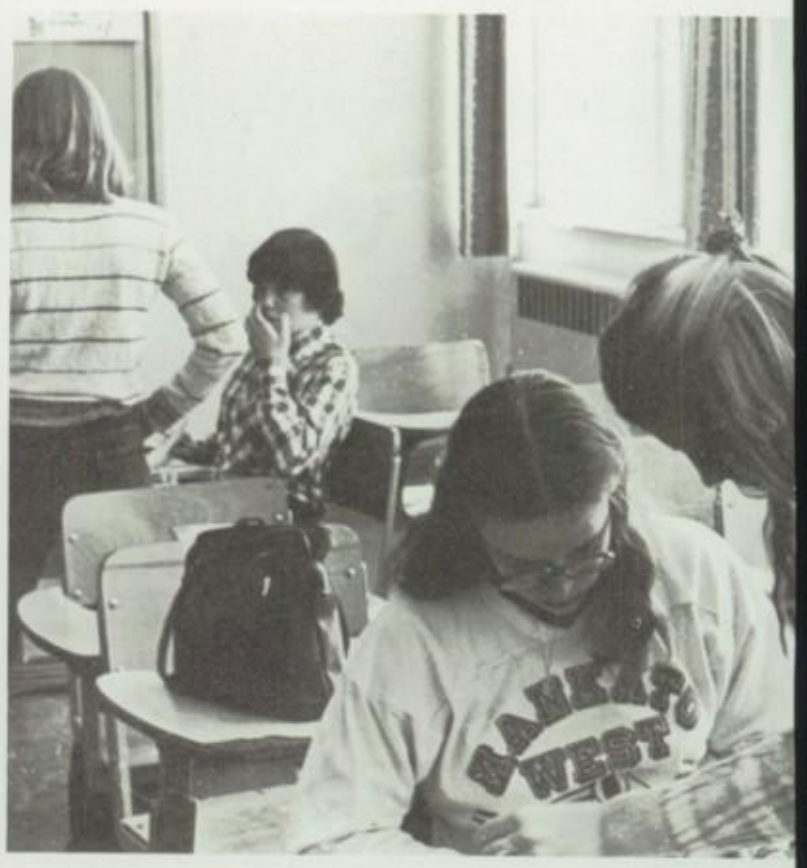
"There was a strong core of upperclassmen and a good group of hard-working freshmen," continued Gorman.

Brian Coomes and Rob Nordby co-captained the team. Gorman's assistant was Tom Spicer.

Tim Austad, Brian Coomes, Mike Karson and Rob Nordby broke seven team records to surpass the six record goal originally set, stated Gorman.

Twenty-eight boys participated. "It was an exciting year," concluded Gorman. The Scarlets had a 6-7 dual meet mark.

•1 Boys Swimming-FRONT ROW-K. Burdick, J. Vogel, M. Karson, T. Austad, R. Nordby, T. Perkins, D. Neidhart, S. Lagerquist. ROW 2-M. Hoffman, T. Stone, M. Fuller, J. Putze, K. Kuhle, J. Berg, D. Anderson, J. McCormick, D. Lovik, T. Seward. ROW 3-D. Anderson, J. Nelson, T. Birr, P. McDonald, B. Smith, T. Braam, T. Beaver, D. Craig, P. Hinton. Coaches Tom Spicer, Mark Gorman. •2 Coach Mark Gorman and assistant Tom Spicer. •3 Float like a butterfly ... •4 Bret getting wet. •5 Look at that dive. •6 The wet head is not dead. •7 Racers, on your mark, get set, go!



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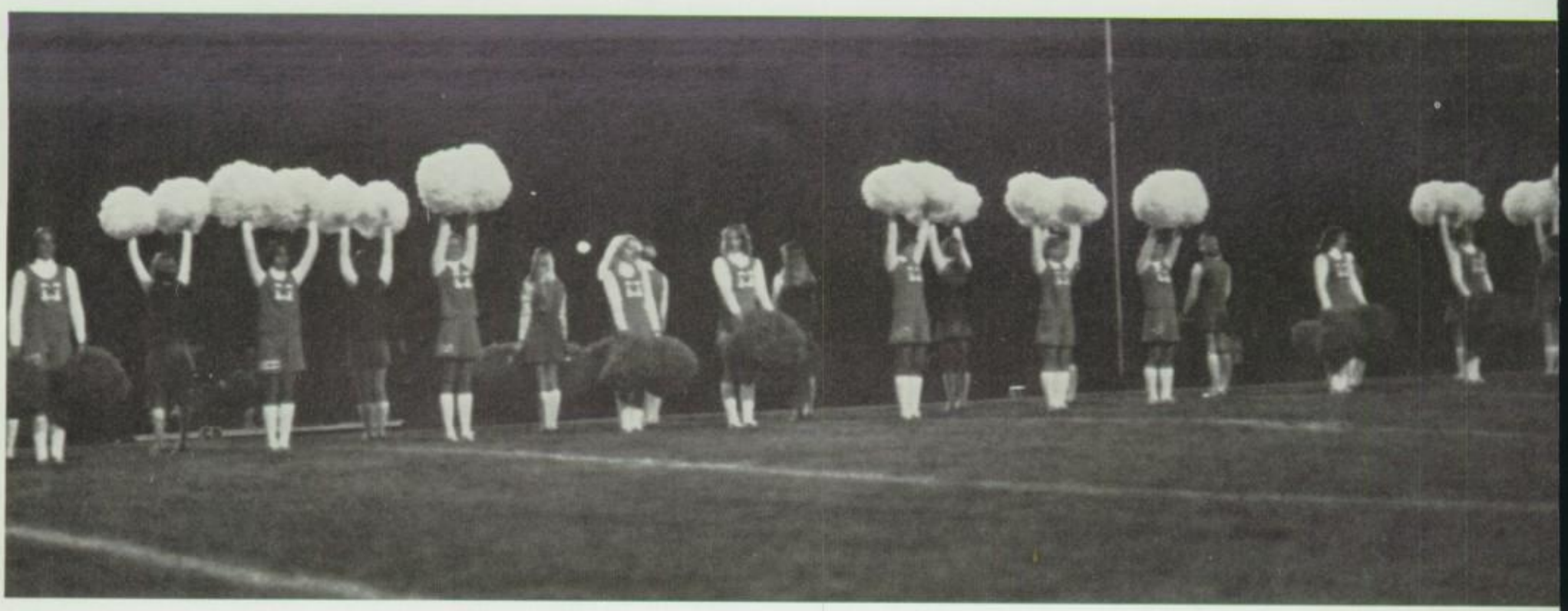

GROUPS

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FINLAND
GERMANY
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WOODEN SHOE II ?

• 1 VARSITY BAND (in alphabetical order) J. Adamson, P. Ahlers, J. Anderson, L. Anderson, T. Anderson, D. Aufderhar, G. Baker, J. Beerling, M. Bertrand, M. Bigelow, T. Bjorklund, M. Blom, K. Briggs, N. Christensen, C. Christenson, K. Coleman, J. Cray, J. Crosbie, M. Davis, S. Dumke, J. Dunlop, A. Edwards, T. Erickson, C. Fitterer, S. Foster, K. Friedrichs, J. Ganske, L. Gerk, C. Gieser, T. Gruenhagen, K. Gulbransen, M. Hackett, M. Hartwell, R. Harvey, G. Haugen, C. Hayes, J. Hennek, S. Hickok, J. Judas, D. Karson, M. Karson, K. Knowlton, L. Koenig, K. Kosberg, J. Krueger, K. Kurth, S. Lagerquist, B. Lass, K. Lee, A. McMullen, B. Mickelson, D. Miller, C. Mueller, D. Mueller, J. Nelson, K. Nett, R. Norland, D. Olsen, M. Orcutt, L. Ormsby, S. Paulsen, A. Peterson, D. Peterson, K. Pfau, S. Prins, B. Rabine, P. Reedstrom, C. Rheaume, A. Roberts, L. Roberts, J. Romberg, T. Schoon, P. Schroeder, M. Schwartzbauer, K. Scott, S. Scott, T. Senesac, T. Senesac, T. Seward, L. Shaffer, D. Sofchalk, A. Sponberg, K. Stark, B. Steinberg, L. Stoll, D. Strusz, M. Thom, L. Thompson, S. Troldahl, J. Urban, V. Valliant, C. Warneke, B. Wendland, B. Willodson, H. Winter, M. Wohlrabe, C. Zupfer. • 2 Drum major Jeff Judas leads the Varsity Band in the Homecoming parade. • 3 Pep Band members prepare their instruments. • 4 Band director Robert Northenscold. • 5 Ninth and tenth grade Pep Band.

SONGS IN THE KEY OF WEST

Varsity and Pep Band continued their tradition of active participation in West activities.

Led by director Bob Northenscold and drum major Jeff Judas, the band played at Homecoming, graduation and athletic events.

With its approximately 120 members, the band traveled to Rochester John Marshall for Big Nine.

Pep Band got in some practice for next year by performing in the Super Band at M.S.U., concerts and an occasional basketball game.

ORCHESTRA FIDDLES AROUND

This was the first year Orchestra members were required to audition for their chairs.

Under the direction of Ken Gertjejansen, they gave several performances, including Christmas, pop and spring concerts, some together with East.

• 1 Just fiddling around. • 2 Ken Gertjejansen concentrates on directing. • 3 1977-1978 ORCHESTRA-(in alphabetical order)- R. Anderson, J. Berg, S. Bolton, S. Brady, L. Bullard, C. Chevalier, D. Craig, K. Craig, J. Donnelly, C. Eggert, C. Eggert, A. Flinner, C. Forrey, H. Forrey, M. Frederick, L. Holland, R. Jack, L. Johnson, J. Malvin, R. McDonald, E. McFarling, S. McFarling, A. Miller, N. Mutzke, K. Nelson, A. Olson, G. Olson, J. Ruble, S. Sherry, M. Skarpohl, B. Stark, K. Steinberg, T. Subbert, M. Vankrevelen, M. Wendland, J. Wittmers.

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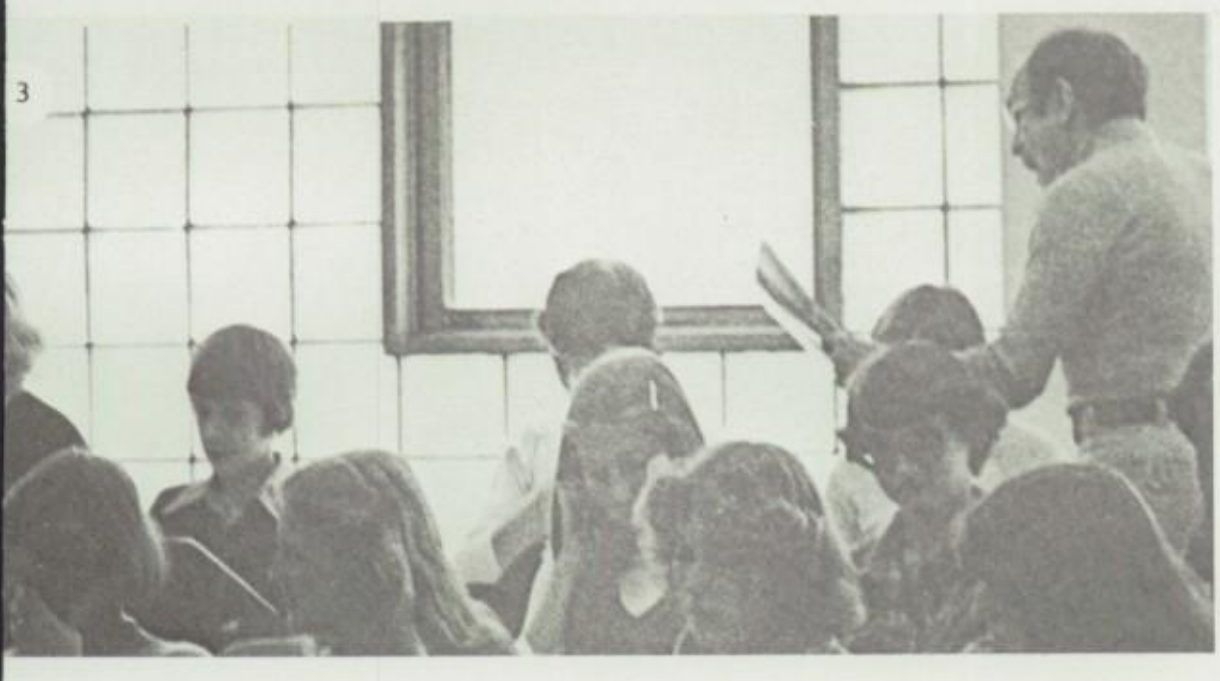
• 1 How much do you love us? • 2 1977-1978 CONCERT CHOIR-(alphabetical order)- A. Biedscheid, T. Biewen, C. Bode, H. Bohm, R. Bruner, M. Carroll, N. Christensen, K. Christnagel, E. Corbey, D. Cray, C. Davidson, S. Dudash, J. Graif, C. Griebel, N. Hansen, A. Harris, R. Harris, M. Henderson, B. Hiniker, J. Holland, E. Knall, L. Knauer, S. Kortz, P. Kruse, L. Lindsey, B. Loaney, S. Madson, C. Maslowski, L. May, G. Mettler, S. Mettler, S. Miller, L. Mork, N. Neubert, A. Oachs, E. O'Brien, P. O'Gara, S. Ogee, S. Olson, M. Orcutt, J. Peters, P. Platt, D. Prechel, P. Roberts, C. Schlichting, L. Shaffer, C. Shields, P. Smith, C. Swenson, M. Thul, P. Turpin, B. Weisbecker, H. Winter. • 3 Mel Knutson gives the tenors some help.



Choir members made their voices heard every second period, as they practiced for concerts through the year.

Directed by Melvin Knutson, the choir sang at Christmas, pop and spring concerts.

They ended the year with Big Nine and graduation.

GET NUTS IN YELL CLUB

Yell Club president Tony Miller led the approximately 200 members, along with senior representative Kim Cousins and junior representative Kathy Stark.

A highlight for the members was the arrival of the new cowboy hats.

For Tony, "Crowning the Homecoming Queen was a good time, and making good money on Homecoming wasn't bad either."

Many original signs were made through the year by loyal fans.

"Get nuts and shoot buckets" was one of the more popular signs. Yell Club members also made flashcards which were up for many games.

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•1. Junior Yell Club representative Kathy Stark and Senior Yell Club representative Kim Cousins show what Yell Club can do for your mind. •2. 1977-78 YELL CLUB MEMBERS •3. A Yell Club member shows enthusiasm for her new cowboy hat by eating her program. •4. Boo Boo and Yogi Bear (alias Yell Club president Tony Miller and adviser Roger Wilker). They're smarter than the average bear. •5. The 1977 Homecoming button was a big moneymaker for Yell Club and was designed by senior Mary Hiniker. •6. One of the many "original" signs made by a Yell Club member who wished to remain anonymous.

W.S.S. . . . STAFF INFECTION?

It wasn't exactly crowded in the publications room eighth period. Besides Editor Lisa Holland and Asst. Editor Bev Barrett, there were only about six other staff members, give or take a few. W.S.S. put out 13 issues, including a newsmagazine published jointly with East's paper, PRIDE. This was not an easy task, especially when photographer Chris Cluff had to be shared with the Otak staff.

"We did our best to put out good papers with such a small staff. I think we did a pretty good job. We tried to get some new things, such as human interest and the East/West paper," concludes Lisa.

Girls' swim team small and young
Dig it
West Side Story
East-West rivalry
West teacher traveling in China
HAVE YOU SHOPPED IN KATO'S NEWEST CLOTHING STORE?
25% off on all Young Men's and Women's Jeans and Cords
Students responsible for area shoplifting
Yearbook hits first deadline
Deca
Fall play to open

•1 An enthused student reads the finished copy. •2 Editor Lisa Holland receives a news flash from a roving reporter. •3 Editor Holland helps Asst. Editor Bev Barrett relieve a severe case of writer's cramp. •4 Sue Troldahl and Lisa Holland at a crucial point in paste-up. •5 Rowena Jack and Phil Turpin take on the exciting task of paper distribution. •6 Publications adviser Scott Nelson. •7 Sportswriter Steve DiMeglio takes his work seriously. •8 W.S.S. Staffers: L. Holland, S. DiMeglio, S. Troldahl, B. Barrett, R. Jack, P. Roberts, P. Turpin.

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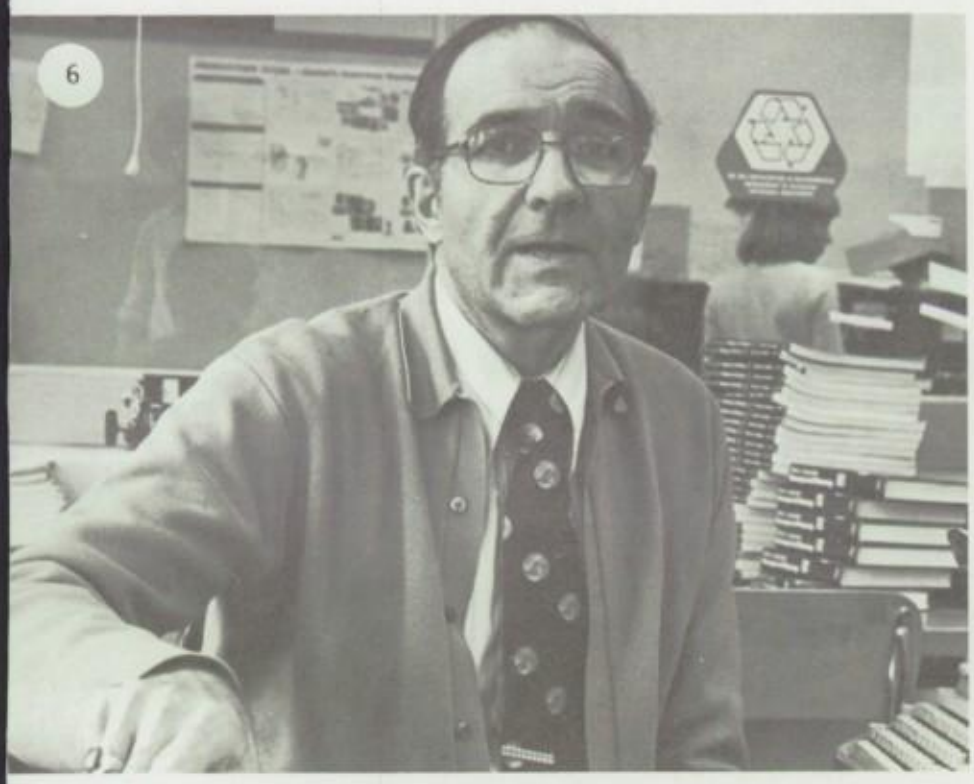

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DID WE MAKE THE FIRST DEADLINE YET?

With much work, much time and mostly much hope, the 1977-78 OTAKNAM made its way into your hands.

The staff was considerably smaller than in past years, with only two returning members. Editor Deb Workman and photographer Chris Cluff found their hands full as the only staff members with previous experience in yearbooking.

Deadlines seemed to come one after another, with hope that someday the first deadline would be made.

For the first time OTAK and WSS staffs met the same hour, making it harder for the staff to work. Other problems arose when staff members felt they couldn't handle the responsibility and quit.

The price of the book went up 50 cents to $10 in order to cover the increase in production costs. Students also could have their names engraved on the cover which was a color photograph, the first of its kind at West.

Vandalism also hit yearbook when the candy stand was broken into at the end of January, hurting the budget.

"With the number of students in this school, we should have had a bigger staff," stated Tammy Hickok. Besides the small staff, another major problem was the lack of photographers. When Chris Cluff was swamped with requests for pictures, his usual reply was "People in hell want ice water, too!"

•1 1977-78 OTAKNAM staff-**FRONT ROW**-G. Baker, C. Freeman, T. Hickok, E. O'Brien. **ROW 2**-D. Workman, R. Farnen, C. Cluff. •2 Erin O'Brien argues with first semester staffer Tony Miller. •3 Adviser Scott Nelson looks over the budget. •4 Editor Deb Workman puts in overtime. •5 Pressure gets to photographer Chris Cluff. •6 The evils of OTAK — some of the equipment used in getting out a yearbook. •7 Roxy Farnen checks progress by looking over proofs.

•1 "Computer Dance?!" Whose idea was that?" •2 "What was the question again?" Cheri Rossow and Beth Bohrer. •3 Student Council for 1977-78: C. Ash, A. Booher, L. Eisenbeis, L. Gazzola, J. Harten, P. Lagow, D. Loaney, M. Meyer, C. Nelson, S. Peterson, D. Sarma, P. Turpin, T. Zrust, M. Bassett, K. Christensen, J. DeGrood, J. Fitterer, S. Hiller, P. Krabbenhoft, D. Lagerquist, J. Michaletz, R. Nelson, T. Peterson, R. Smith, B. True, L. Willoughby, D. Alderson, S. Bodelson, M. Davis, A. Etzell, M. Hackett, J. Holland, M. Karson, B. Loaney, R. Nordby, D. Peterson, C. Rossow, K. Stark, J. Thomas, A. Watts, M. Ash, J. Braam, K. Cousins, C. Fitterer, M. Hartwell, L. Holland, S. Hickok, K. Keller, B. Lawrence, T. Miller, T. Miller, K. Nett, K. Ochsner, J. Klingel, C. Putze, L. Shaffer, B. Stark, P. Zupfer. •4 "I like dreamin" Freshman Linda Gazzola. •5 Student Council officers taking care of business. President John Klingel, Vice-President Tony Miller, Secretary Kathy Ochsner, and Treasurer Scott Hickok. •6 Student Council members in action. •7 Freshman Mike Meyer hard at work in the S.C. popcorn stand. •8 "I really enjoy working with the S.C.!" exclaims adviser John Barnett.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Once again Student Council tried to take an active part in school affairs, not an easy task considering the interest (or non-interest) students seemed to take in Student Council activities.

Still, Student Council was in there pitching with some new and original ideas, such as computer dances and a new meeting format. It also kept up with the old traditions, like the popcorn stand and good old Friday night dances.

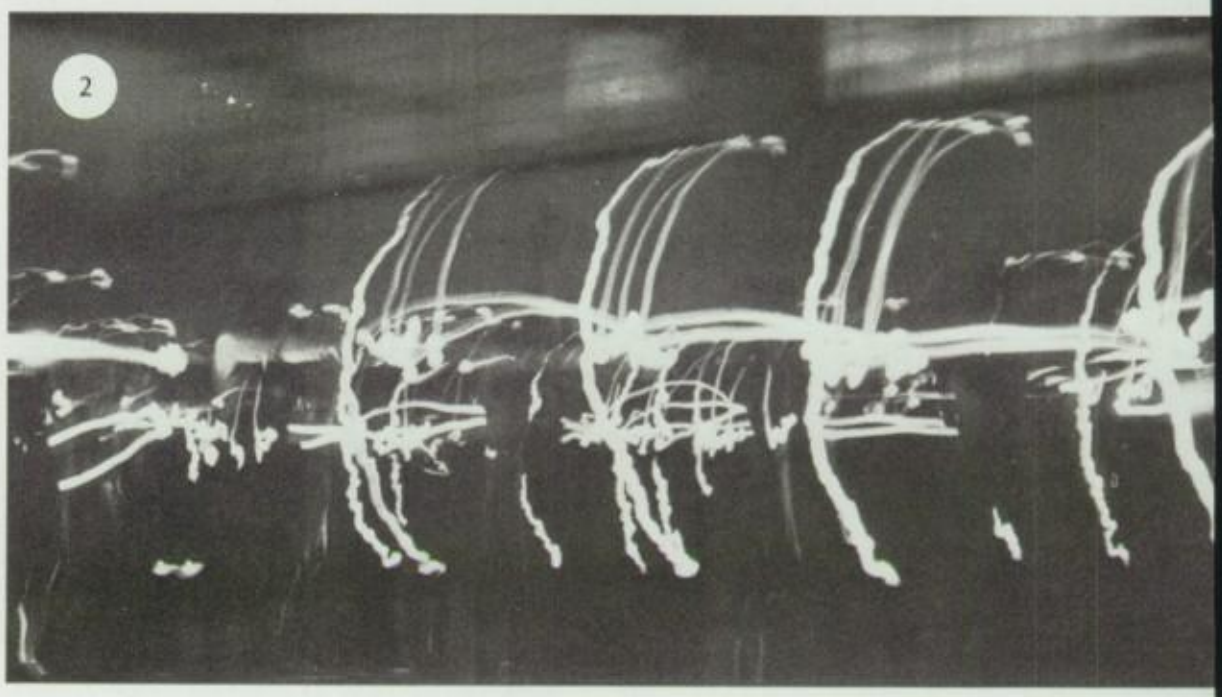
President John Klingel, vice president Tony Miller, secretary Kathy Ochsner and treasurer Scott Hickok took a trip to a Student Council convention in Fridley to exchange ideas.

And once again the Student Council presented Jeff Meyer with a bus pass.

POM-PONS ON HIPS, PLEASE!

The Sole Steppers had an eventful year with many firsts. They won their first powder puff football game against East's Sunrisers by an impressive margin. They got new uniforms and some new ideas in routines to go with them. One of the more memorable routines was done to the theme from "Star Wars" with lit-up blue and green tubes. S.S. had many gala events such as parties at Spring Lake Park and ski trips to Mt. Frontenac.

There were three choreographers this year, who, along with advior Barb Knutson, were responsible for making up routines. Practices were made easier for all by the quick minds of this year's group. "They picked up the routines so fast, there was more time for fun. We really appreciated the girls' cooperation," stated Erin O'Brien.



•1 Scarlets Go! Sole Steppers smile! •2 Sole Steppers show their Christmas spirit by performing with red and green flashlights. •3 Sharp corners! Basketball half-time entertainment. •4 Adviser Miss Barb Knutson with choreographers Lori Arndt, Erin O'Brien and Nancy Taylor. •5 Follow me! •6 1977-78 SOLE STEPPERS-"7"-K. Knowlton, L. Janssen, J. Anderson, J. Holland, M. Blom, D. Dallmann, S. Johnson, K. Karau, D. Strusz, L. Papke, P. O'Gara, B. Rabine, M. McConville, K. Gereau. "8"-A. McMullen, L. Arndt, N. Townsend, V. Schneier, M. Hiniker. P. Berens, J. Ruble, L. Holland, L. Hybertson, N. Taylor, D. Baringer, E. O'Brien, K. Kurth, P. Kruse, M. Nagel, K. Ochsner, J. Keltgen, D. Workman, K. Johnson. Not Pictured: P. Riese.

'THIS IS SCARLET TERRITORY"

The cheerleading program was again split into fall and winter seasons. Fall cheerleaders, with captain Roxy Farnen, led cheers at football games, cross country meets and boys' gymnastics meets. Despite a lot of rain during the season, the cheerleaders tried new formations and yells.

The winter squad split into two teams, with Pat Eckert and Kim Cousins as captains. Squads traded off wrestling and basketball games every other Friday night and took their turns at swim meets, too. Winter season cheerleaders were the first to wear the new uniforms

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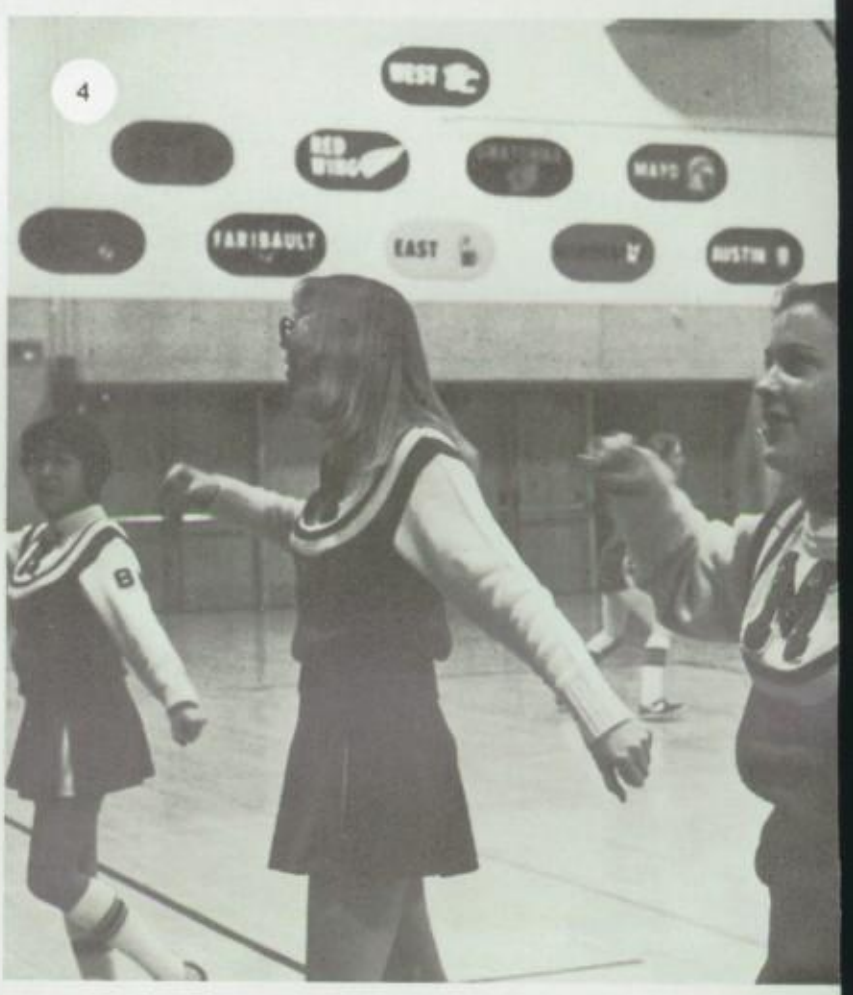
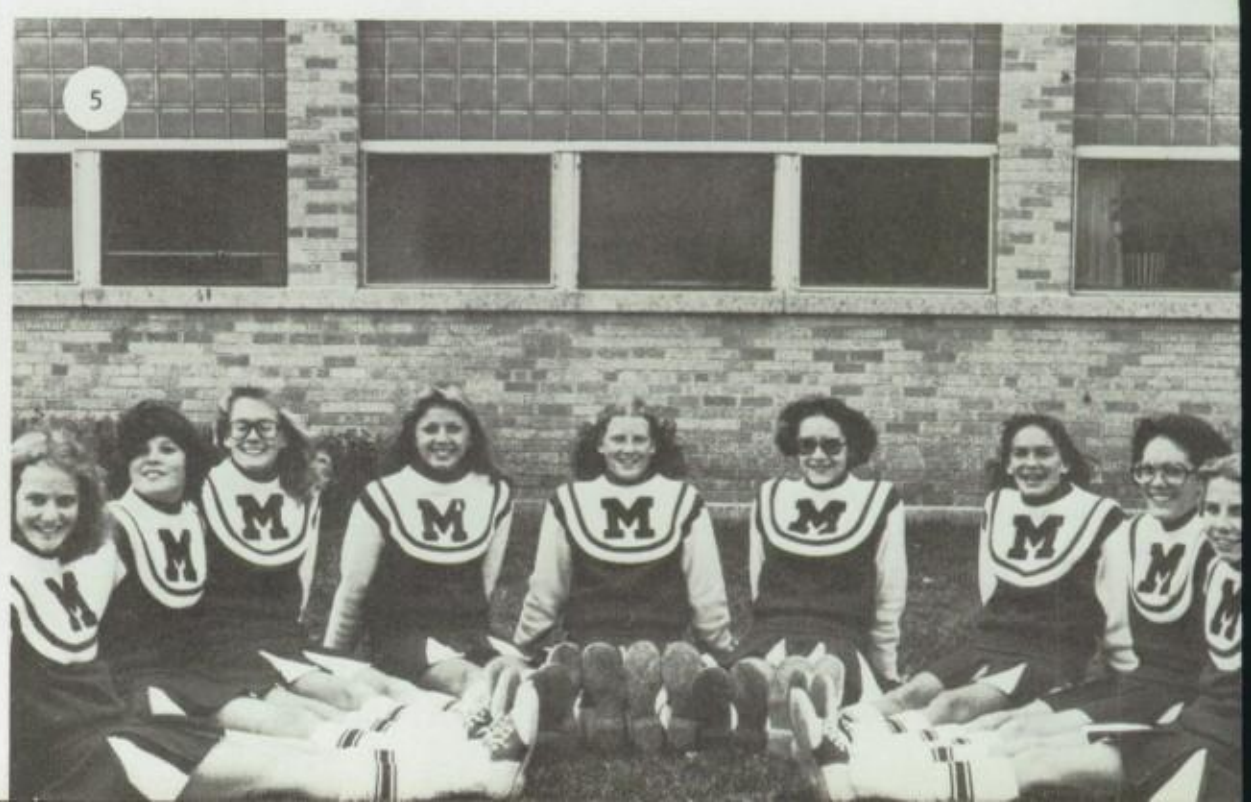
•1 FALL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS-**TOP ROW-**K. Cousins, B. Bohrer, J. Adamson. **MIDDLE ROW-**H. Held, R. Farnen, C. Fitterer, L. Teschner. **BOTTOM ROW-**B. Lawrence, B. Loaney, J. Dunlop, J. Graif, J. Berg. •2 "I resent that remark." •3 Junior Heidi Held cheers on the team at a West football game. •4 WINTER VARSITY CHEERLEADERS-**FRONT ROW-**T. Anderson, P. Eckert, L. Sarma, J. Wilson, S. Senska, L. Lieske. **ROW 2-**J. Braam, J. Paterson, J. Nelson, L. Thompson, C. Warneke, K. Cousins. •5 A favorite pastime of many cheerleaders was making locker decorations. •6 Fall cheerleaders "fire-up" the crowd at a pep-fest. •7 Winter cheerleaders do a "big cheer" at a wrestling meet. •8 Cheers for the swimmers.



Adviser for fall and winter B and C squads was Linda Broughten, former West High cheerleader. When the varsity squad received new uniforms, C squad got the old ones.

Aside from regular games, both B and C squads took time to cheer for girls' sports again this year.

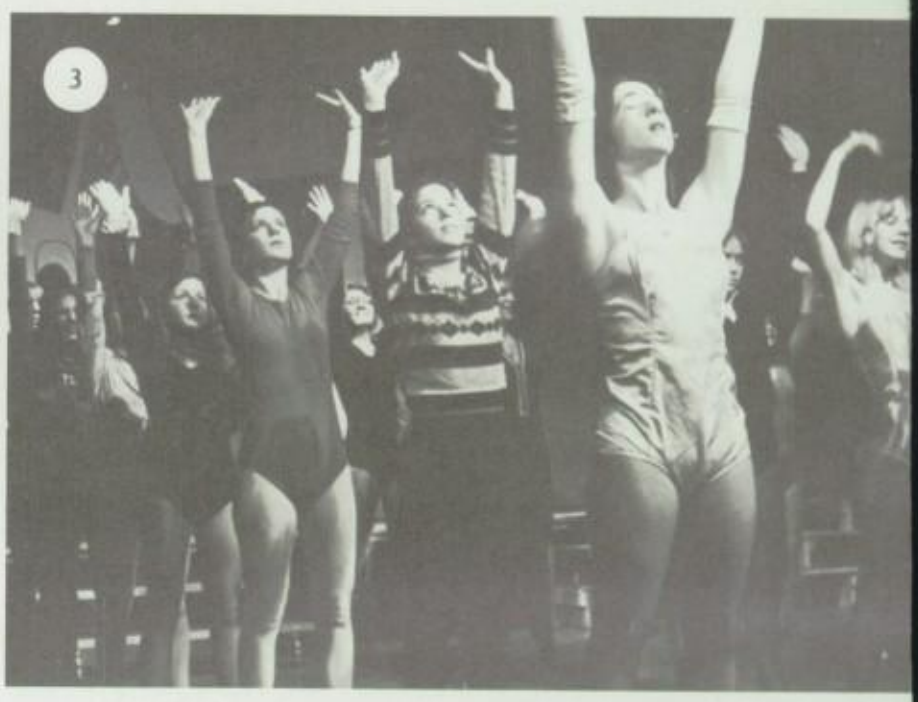


B AND C SHOW THEIR SPIRIT

•1 B-squaders show their spirit at a football game. •2 Kathy Craig and Mindy Kitsis. •3 WINTER B-SQUAD-J. Bailey, T. Staley, K. Craig, L. Bodelson, M. Kitsis, A. Biedscheid, T. Lloyd, K. Orr, S. Eckert, K. Haugen. •4 B-squad cheers at a girls' basketball game. •5 FALL B-SQUAD-B. Coomes, L. Bodelson, K. Haugen, J. Bailey, L. Landsteiner, K. Madson, J. Henry, L. Hebeisen, M. O'Brien. •6 C-squad practices before a game. •7 FALL C-SQUAD-C. Rosin, W. Blethen, L. Eisenbeis, M. Frederick, T. Orr, S. McCartney, J. Lindenberg, C. Miller, P. Rieff, N. Krause. •8 C-squad leads a cheer at a volleyball meet. •9 Varsity adviser Mrs. Alice Gillispie with B and C squad adviser Miss Linda Broughten. •10 WINTER B-SQUAD-**FRONT ROW**-L. Yezzi, B. Paterson, K. Anderson, P. Rieff, K. Berg. **ROW 2**-L. Loe, M. Frank, K. Meyer, J. Dean, N. Krause.

'WE'VE GOT MAGIC TO DO'

Orchesis and Moiselles presented "Magic To Do" in February in the auditorium. Led by co-presidents Cindy Fitterer and Jen Graif, the girls put on a show with a variety of dances. There were the usual jazz and ballet, along with a basketball dance done by a few of the more athletic members to the Globetrotters' theme song. Seen again this year were a big tap number and the sisters' dance. Officers were Nancy Taylor and Lynn Amlie in charge of scenery and publicity, Heidi Held in charge of costumes and programs, and Erin O'Brien in charge of posters and tickets.



•1 Magician's Hoe-down. •2 Miss Barbara Knutson and Mrs. Martha Robinson, Orchesis advisers. •3 Orchesis members practice the opening song, "Magic To Do." •4 A wild west show. •5 ORCHESIS MEMBERS-**FRONT ROW**-M. Madson, P. LaGow, M. O'Brien, J. DeGrood, C. Adamson, C. Freeman, K. Brennan, A. Bruce, B. Coomes. **ROW2**-C. Rosin, P. Larsen, J. Anderson, S. Sletta, L. Amlie, K. Karau, L. Teschner, K. Schultz, A. McMullen, P. Zupfer, N. Taylor. **ROW 3**-C. Eggert, M. Nagel, J. Fitterer, J. Graif, J. Skillman, B. Rice, N. Townsend, A. Sponberg, L. Hybertson, A. Flinner, C. Fitterer. **ROW 4**-H. Held, B. Bohrer, M. Frederick, C. Miller, P. O'Gara, S. Biewen, J. Anderson, B. Jensen, E. O'Brien, J. Graif. •6 Co-presidents Cindy Fitterer and Jen Graif. •7 Orchesis Officers: Lynn Amlie, Erin O'Brien, Nancy Taylor and Heidi Held. •8 MOISELLES-**FRONT ROW**-Co-Adviser Kim Schultz (Cheri Rossow not pictured) M. O'Brien, C. Lunak, K. Allen, M. Maslowski, S. Hiniker. **ROW 2**-B. Elias, L. Maier, D. True, R. Nordby, C. Roberts, L. Olson, K. Outka. •9 Nancy Townsend and Nancy Taylor practice their dance.

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THE ROAR OF THE GREASEPAINT

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This year Madhatters had more than 110 members, which is more than in recent years. Besides helping with all play productions, Madhatters also directed "Foster's Formula" and "A School for Jesters" at North Mankato Junior High. They still had time for Halloween and Christmas parties

Officers were Lisa Holland, President; Sarah LaBrec, Vice-president; Carol Schlichting, Secretary; and Laurie Shaffer, Treasurer. "We had a really great group this year with lots of talented, hardworking kids," said Lisa. "It was a privilege to work with this group."

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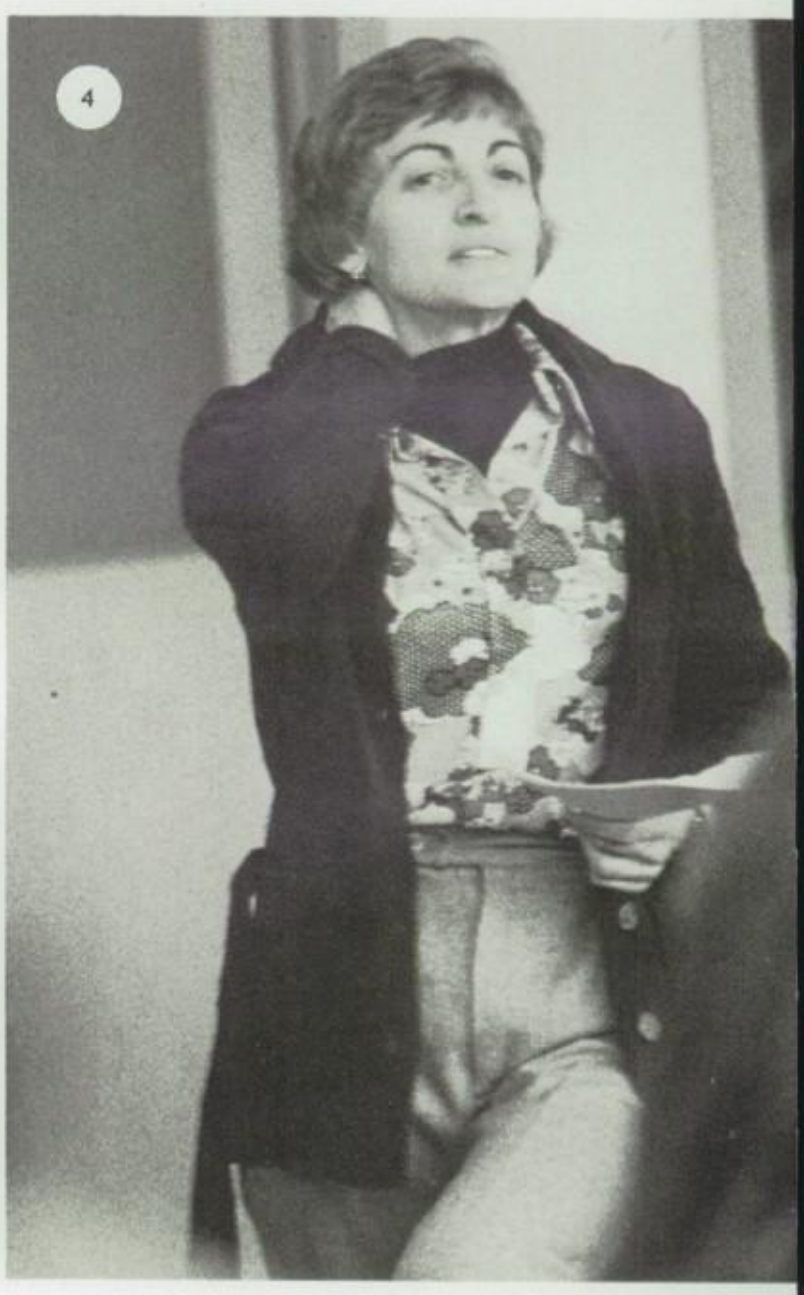
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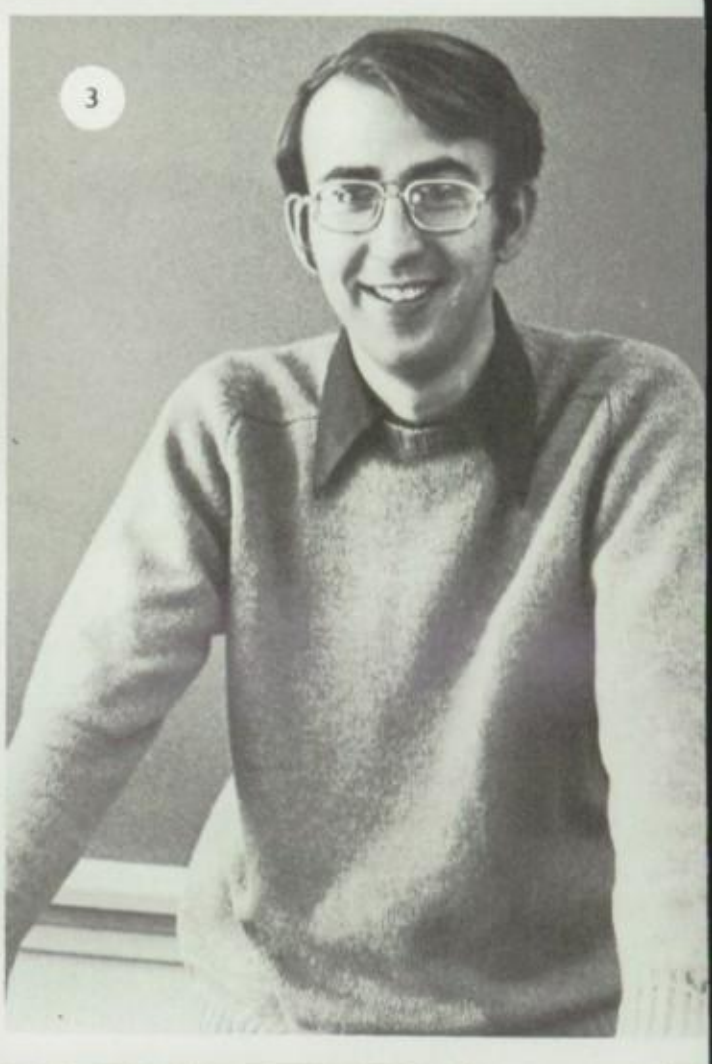
•1 Madhatters get involved in the fall production. •2 Madhatter officers: President Lisa Holland, Vice-President Sarah LaBrec, Secretary Carol Schlichting and Treasurer Laurie Shaffer. •3 Many Madhatters showed up at tryouts for the spring play. •4 Madhatter advisor Miss Gretchen Etzell. •5 Julie Holland and Dave Montgomery have a good time cleaning the set shop. •6 Mark Lewis helps President Lisa. •7 Madhatters for 1977-78. •8 Accompanist Laurie Shaffer at the spring play tryouts.

DEBATE BUILDS FOR THE FUTURE

The debate team had a good year despite the inexperience of members. The J.V. took two third place trophies, and sophomore Jean Fitterer took first in novice at a tournament.

The Harry Fitterer Memorial Traveling Award was established by debate alumni in honor of the late Harry Fitterer for his contributions to debate over the years.

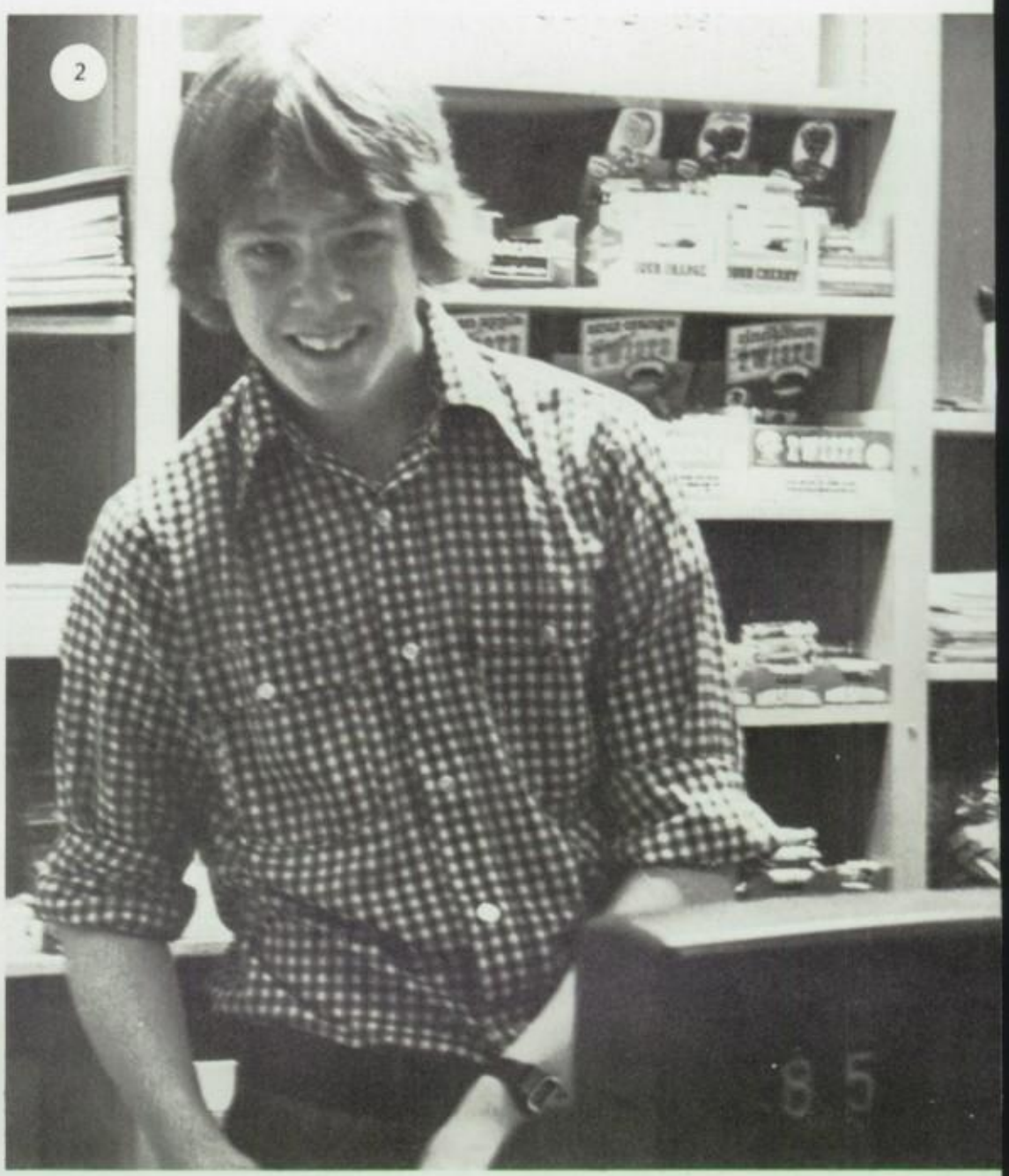


•1 DEBATE MEMBERS-**FRONT ROW**-C. Narum, K. Orr, J. Fitterer, L. Lindsey, J. Lieske.**ROW 2**-M. Ziebarth, D. Austad, S. Lagerquist, P. Borchardt, T. Turmelle. •2 Tom Turmelle, coach Bob Ihrig and Paul Borchardt get ready to leave for another debate tournament. •3 Debate adviser Robert Ihrig. •4 Mike Ziebarth prepares his argument.

WEST'S FOREIGN POLICY

West hosted one AFS student this year, Shafagh Bahadori from Iran, and also a Swedish girl, Elisabeth Knall, who was an exchange student through the YMCA. The Mankato AFS chapter sponsored a weekend of activities for area AFS students. Participants came from 13 countries. Mary Nothwehr and Mike Karson were selected to spend next school year in another country through AFS.

•1 Mary Nothwehr and Mike Karson will be spending a year abroad next year. •2 AFS club members Shafagh Bahadori, Mary Nothwehr, Elisabeth Knall and Karen Kusy have a good time at a meeting. •3 AFS advisor Jack Halvorson.



A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR DECA

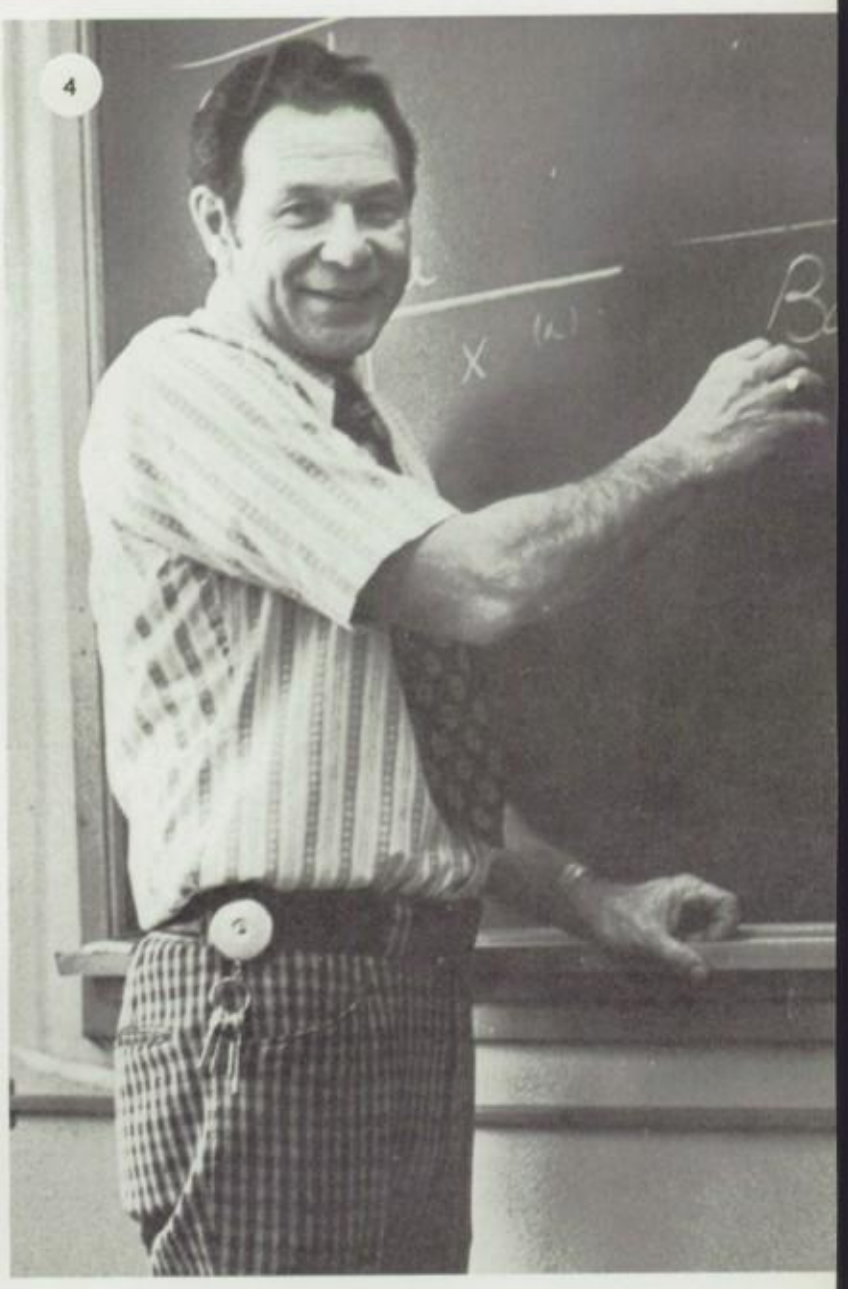
This year's DECA officers, president Bev Barrett, vice-president Missy May, fund raiser Lori Townsend and public relations man John Pavel, led the group in various activities. These included the sale of many items such as tapestries, jewelry and Mankato West jerseys. They also competed in district events at MSU in February where West took 17 trophies. Adviser for the group was Mike Zarn.

•1 DECA adviser Mike Zarn. •2 Service with a smile. Joe Farnen at work in the Scarlet Shop. •3 DECA Members-Front Row: M. May, P. Frederick, J. MacFarlane, V. Keller. Row 2: M. Dickhoff, J. Farnen, L. Townsend, D. Pratt. Row 3: T. Weber, K. Decko, V. Bassett, B. Barrett, R. Vogel, J. Storjohann, L. Thorset. Back Row: B. Lamont, B. Reeves, L. Vogel.

NEW IDEAS FOR OEA

OEA took part in a variety of activities, some of them new to the Office Education Association. A walk-a-thon from MWHS to Kasota and the sale of B-Craft Christmas gifts were two of their fund-raisers. They also competed at MSU in such activities as typing, short-hand, and bulletin board arrangement. Officers were president Sue Prins, vice-president Linda Seykora, secretary Kelly Kuhle, treasurer Deb Benda, historian Angie Heller and parliamentarian Liz Gerk.

•1 OEA Members-Front Row: L. Gerk, D. Benda, L. Seykora, S. Prins, K. Kuhle, A. Heller. Row 2: B. Young, D. Dugan, P. Schmidt, B. Hewitt, T. Varuska, P. Berens. •2 Paul Schmidt at work: Look at those fingers move. •3 Some OEA members check out the adding machines. •4 OEA adviser Bill Mickelson.



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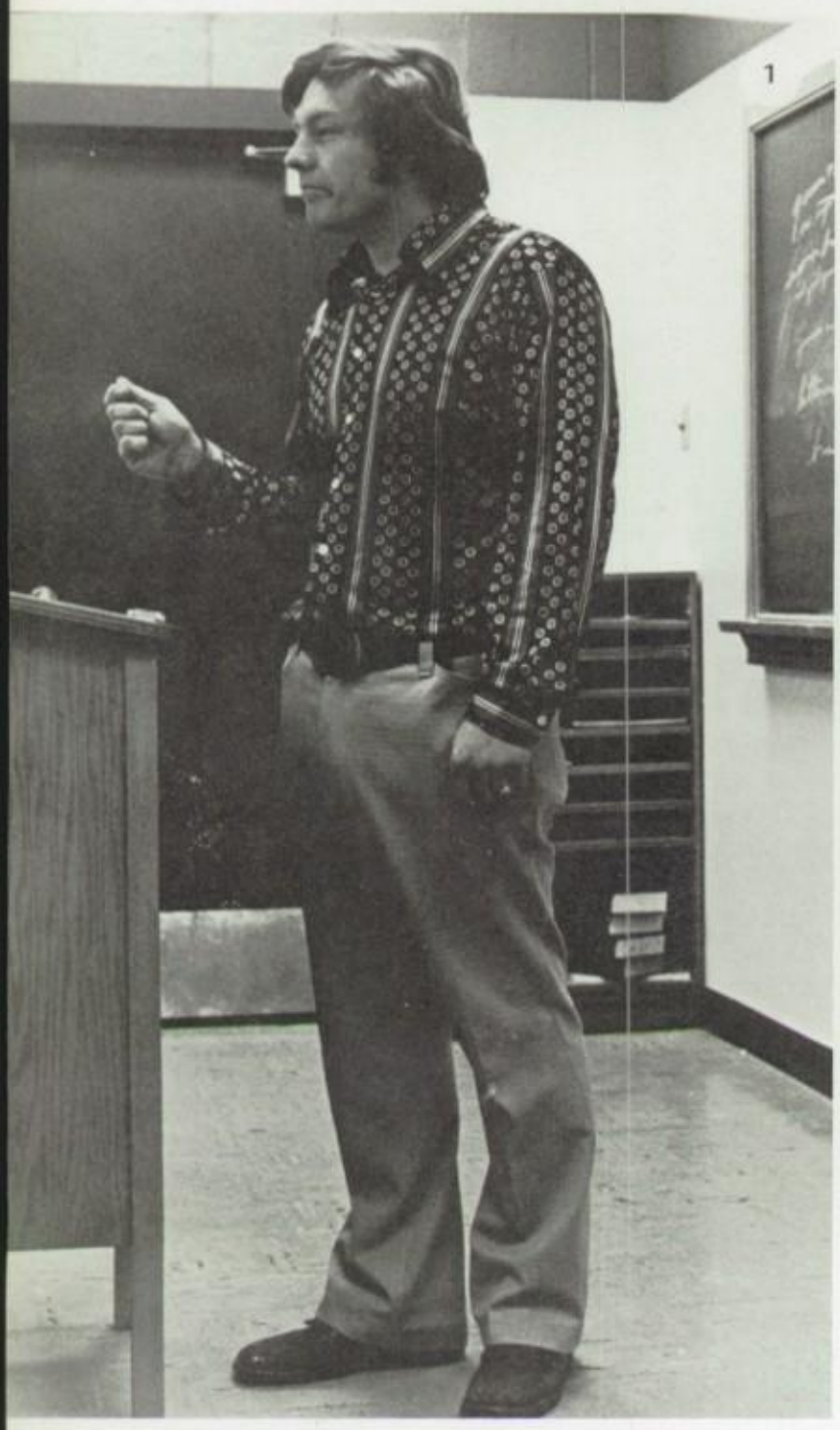
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•1 FFA Advisor Jerry Schoenfeld. •2 FFA member displays the back of his jacket. •3 FFA-**FRONT ROW**-L. Tolle, B. Brunz, T. Holmgren, K. Johnson, B. Brunz. **ROW 2**-D. Dahlman, K. Allen, M. Hauser, R. Hauser, L. Budde. **ROW 3**-R. Dallman, J. Broughten. •4 FHA-**FRONT ROW**-D. Benda, C. Bode, S. Miller, S. Kenne, G. Mettler. **ROW 2**- K. Kuhle, J. Vogel, J. Peterman, V. Guentzel, P. Whitmore. •5 FHA Advisers-Mrs. Adeline Riha and Mrs. Margaret Schmidt. •6 FHA, through the years, you've come a long way, baby.

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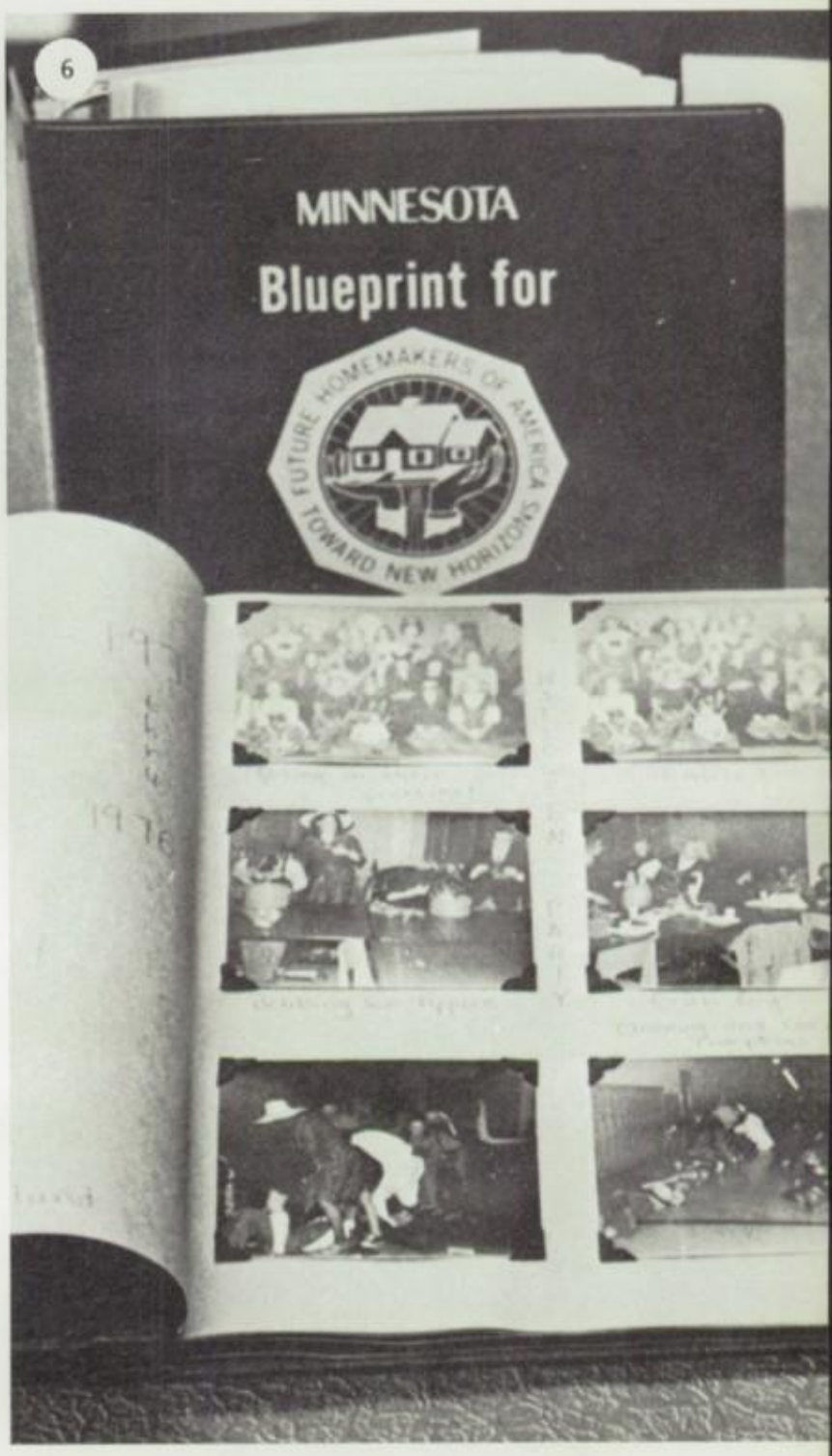


FFA members participated in many different activities.

Led by President Kevin Allen, the group had a corn drive for Camp Courage, built a children's barnyard and participated in contests. Delegates were sent to the National Convention in November and the State Convention in April

Due to enthusiasm of the twelve members, FHA met once a week instead of once a month.

Led by advisers Mrs. Adeline Riha and Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, the girls undertook such projects as candy and quilt-making.

They also made scented soap and hand-decorated stationery which they took to the area rest and retirement homes at Christmas.

GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

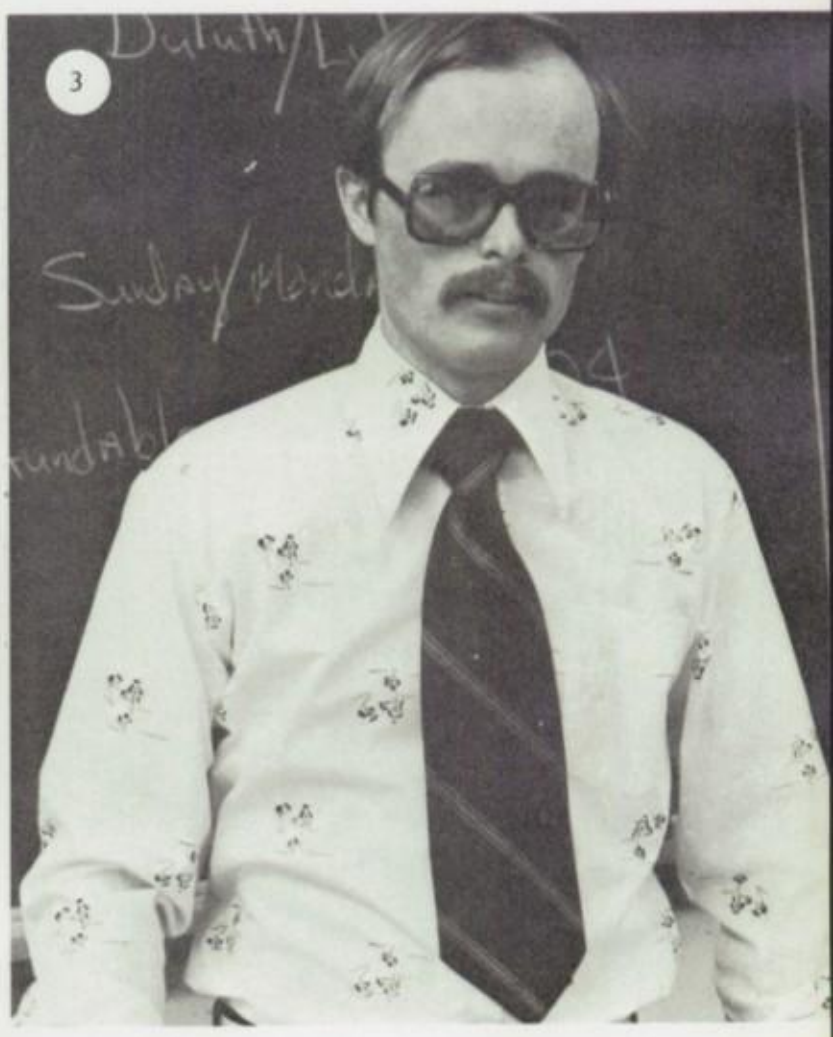
Medical Club had a slightly larger group than in previous years as many students attended meetings in order to obtain career or extra credit points for one of Hershel Siebrass' classes. Doctors spoke to the group on their particular fields of medicine. Another activity was a trip to the crematorium at Memorial Gardens. Officers were Laura Sarma, president; Joe Butzer, vice-president; and Gloria Baker, secretary/treasurer.

•1 P.U.R.E. Members: Front Row-K. Craig, Ross Richter Second Row: P. Smith, T. Krause, Ron Richter, J. Soley and B. Mock. •2 Med. Club members before a meeting. •3 Med. Club adviser Hershel Siebrass.

SALES HELP SKIERS HIT THE SLOPES

Ski Club members seemed determined to get everyone fat as they sold cheese, sausage and candy bars to finance a ski trip to Lutsen during the spring break. Members also sold Mankato West mugs, which many students purchased to fill with their favorite beverage.

Sales went well and it was considered by many to be a successful year for the club. Officers were president Penny Riese, vice president Mark Lewis and secretary treasurer Kim Griffin. The adviser was Steve Nelson.



•1 Mountainous "Mount Kato." •2 SKI CLUB-**FRONT ROW-**B. LeDuc, G. Davis, D. Baringer, S. Dudash, P. Riese, M. Lewis, T. Bachman, P. Smith. **ROW 2-**J. Padilla, S. Hickok, Adviser S. Nelson, R. Hoffman, M. Kalpiers, S. Skelly, M. Larson, A. Simonson, S. Klar, J. Paterson, L. Klaustermeier, T. Anderson, M. Skarpohl, L. Stoll, K. Griffin. **ROW 3-**B. Skillman, J. Wilking, J. Jones, C. Dammen, C. Person. •3 Adviser Steve Nelson. •4 Ski Club officers-president Penny Riese, secretary-treasurer Kim Griffin, and vice-president Mark Lewis.

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HAPPENINGS . . .

Egypt's President Anwar Sadat flew to Jerusalem — an enemy capital through three decades and four wars — to meet with Israeli's Prime Minister Menahen Begin. Peace seemed possible for the first time in a generation.

President Jimmy Carter completed his first year in office, and brother Billy Carter got his own name-brand beer.

Minnesota Senator and former Vice-president Hubert H. Humphrey died of cancer Jan. 13.

Many famous celebreties died: Elvis Presley, Bing Crosby, Groucho Marx, Charlie Chaplin. Some members of the rock group "Lynard Skynyrd" died in a plane crash.

Heavy snow, driven by high winds, swept through the northeast states, crippling road, rail and air traffic and bringing business and government to a near standstill. California was in the midst of a serious drought before rainstorms in Los Angeles caused flooding and mudslides. Minnesota experienced a record-breaking 60+ days of below freezing weather.

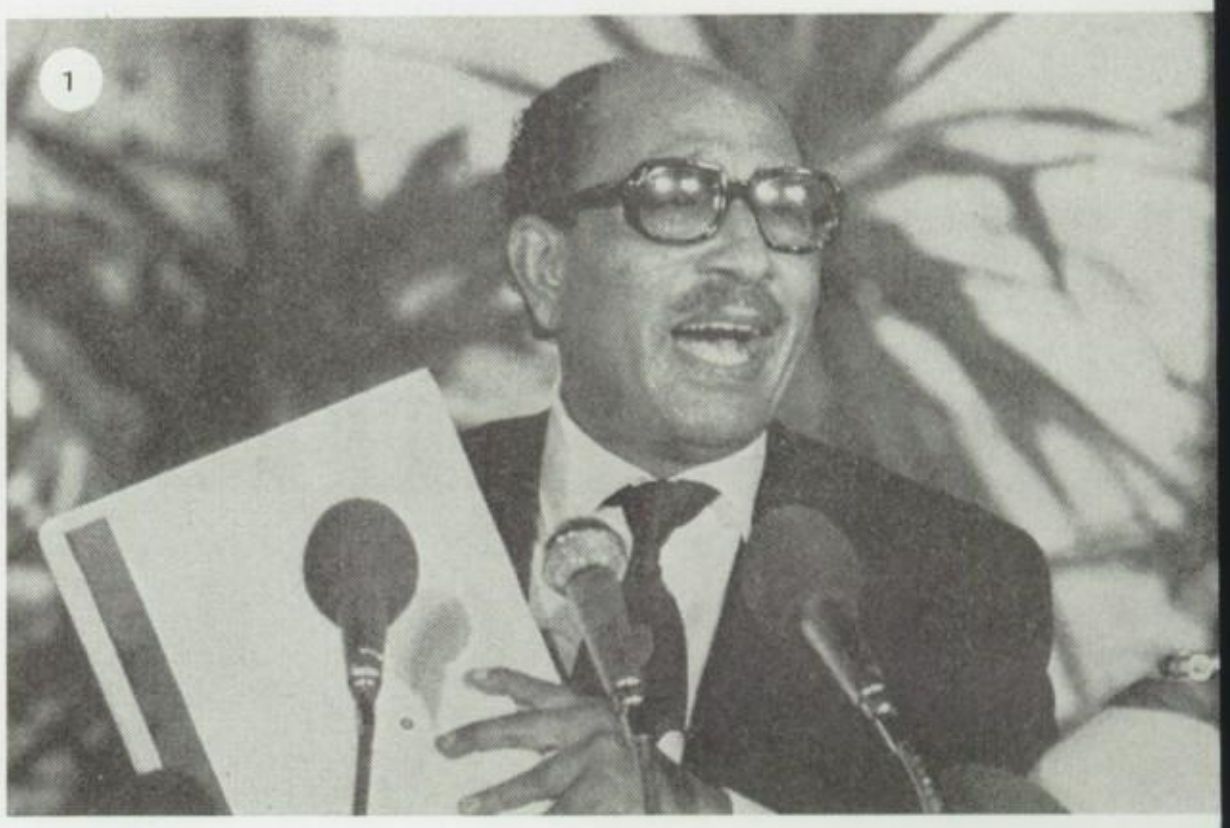
Anti-gay-rights crusader Anita Bryant made the front pages.

"Son of Sam," David Berkowitz, was arrested in New York for killing six young people at the behest of a dog, he said.

Movies were out of this world. George Lucas's "Star Wars," with droids R2-D2 and C-3PO, rocketed its way to the biggest gross in movie history. Steven Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" brought UFO's to us.

Muhammad Ali lost his world heavyweight title to Leon Spinks.

Angry farmers in Stearns county, Minnesota, protested building of a powerline.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•1 Egypt's president Anwar Sadat talks of lasting peace in the Middle East. •2 The late Sen. Hubert Humphrey with wife Muriel and Pres. Jimmy Carter board Air Force One. •3 Downtown mall in Kalamazoo, Mich., with 20 inches of snow and huge drifts. •4 Vistors view progress of Mankato's new downtown mall. •5 Flood wall under construction. •6 Skiing anyone? The slopes of Mount Kato.

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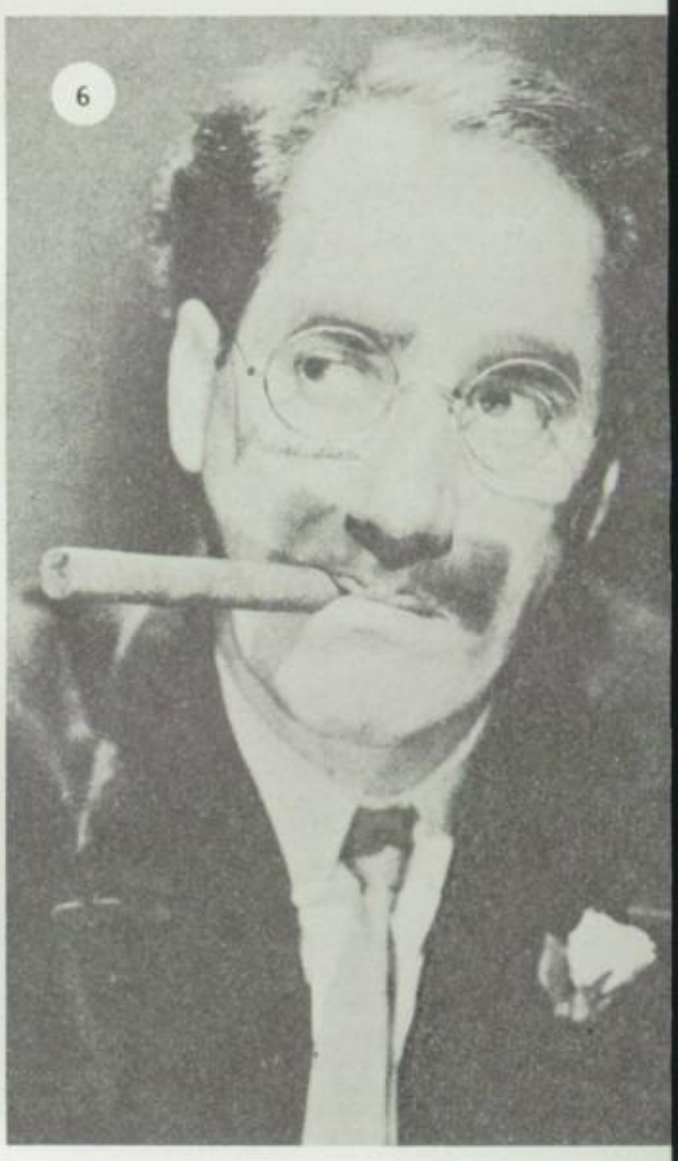

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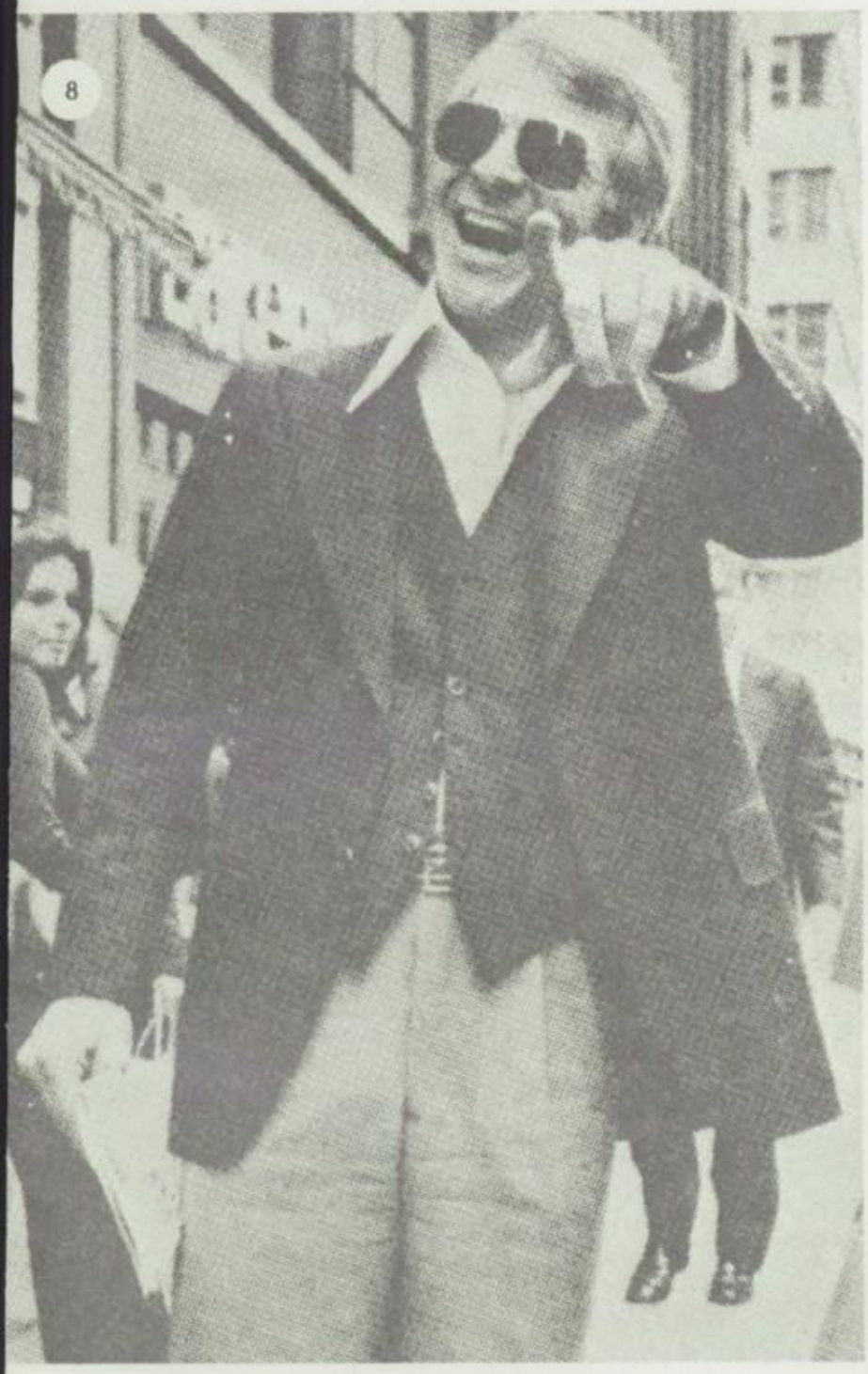
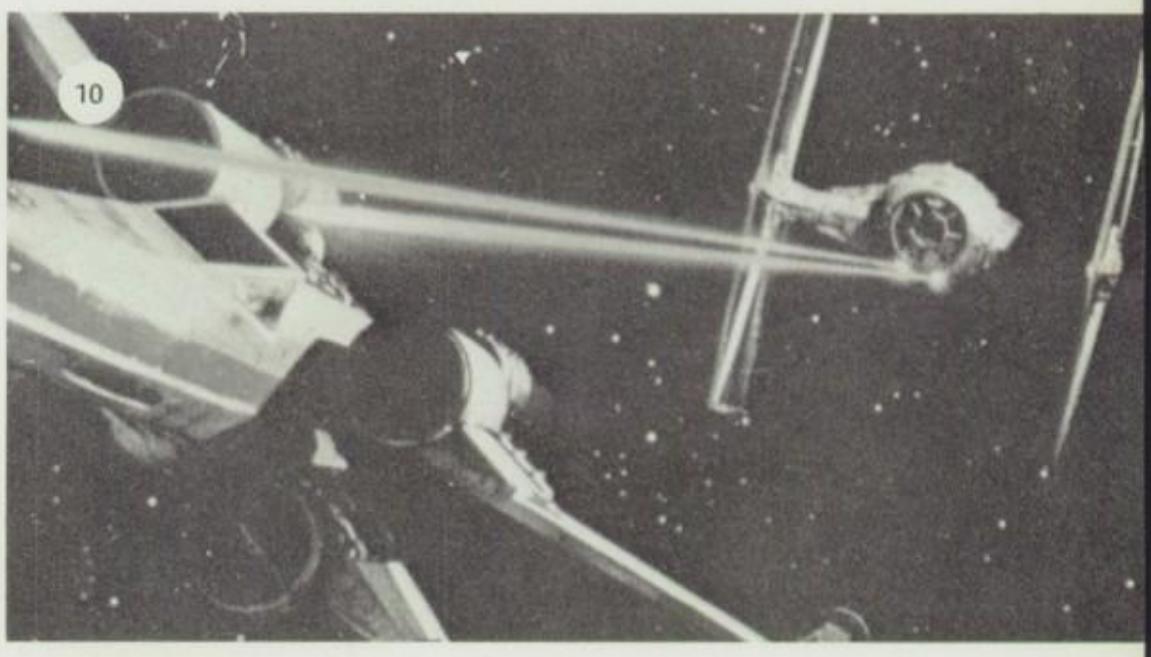
•1 Charlie Chaplin in a famous scene from "Modern Times." "The Little Tramp," died on Christmas Day at age 88. •2 The legendary Elvis Presley died at 42. •3 Guy Lombardo, who rang in 48 American New Years with "Auld Lang Syne," died at 75. •4 Credited with 70 movies, 850 records-and 40 million singles of "White Christmas," Bing Crosby died at 73 while playing golf. •5 Terry Kath, a lead singer with the rock group "Chicago," killed himself when he placed what he thought was an unloaded gun to his head. •6 The last of the three zany Marx Brothers, Groucho Marx died at 86. •7 The favorite pop group for 1977 was "Fleetwood Mac." Their LP "Rumours" was named favorite album. •8 Comic artist and ramblin' guy Steve Martin. •9 Although some were offended by Randy Newman's hit song "Short People," it was a favorite for many. •10 "Star Wars" made the biggest gross in movie history.





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Your favorite ones, the ones you didn't get along with
Remember your friends
The ones you made, the ones you lost
And all the good times you spent with them
Remember the long practices
To make the performances good
Remember all the games
The ones we lost and
Especially the games we won
Remember the building
The crowded halls
The cold and warm rooms
Remember those special days
The excitement of
Homecoming, the first snowfall,
Short weeks before vacation,
The first day of spring,
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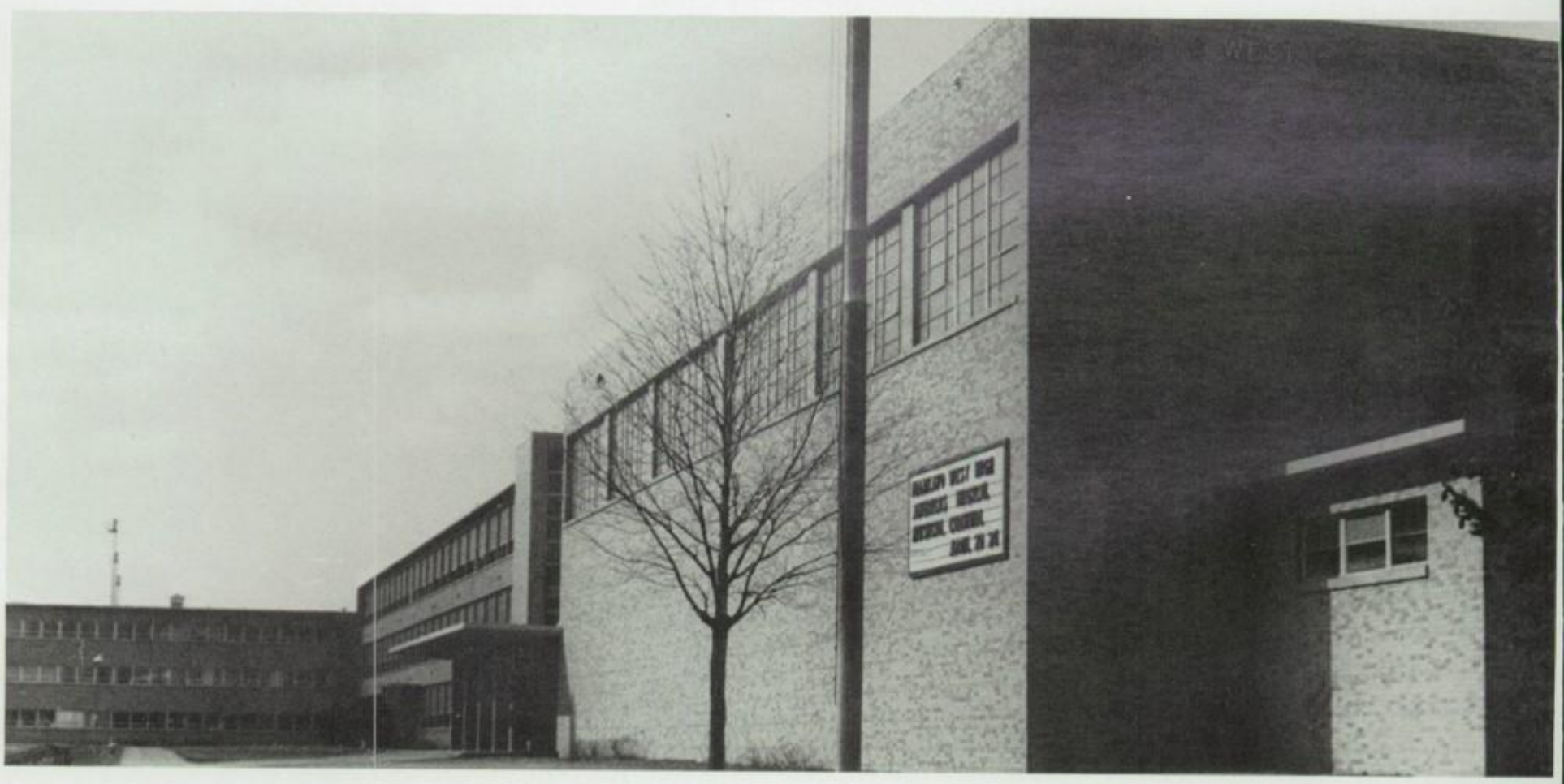

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